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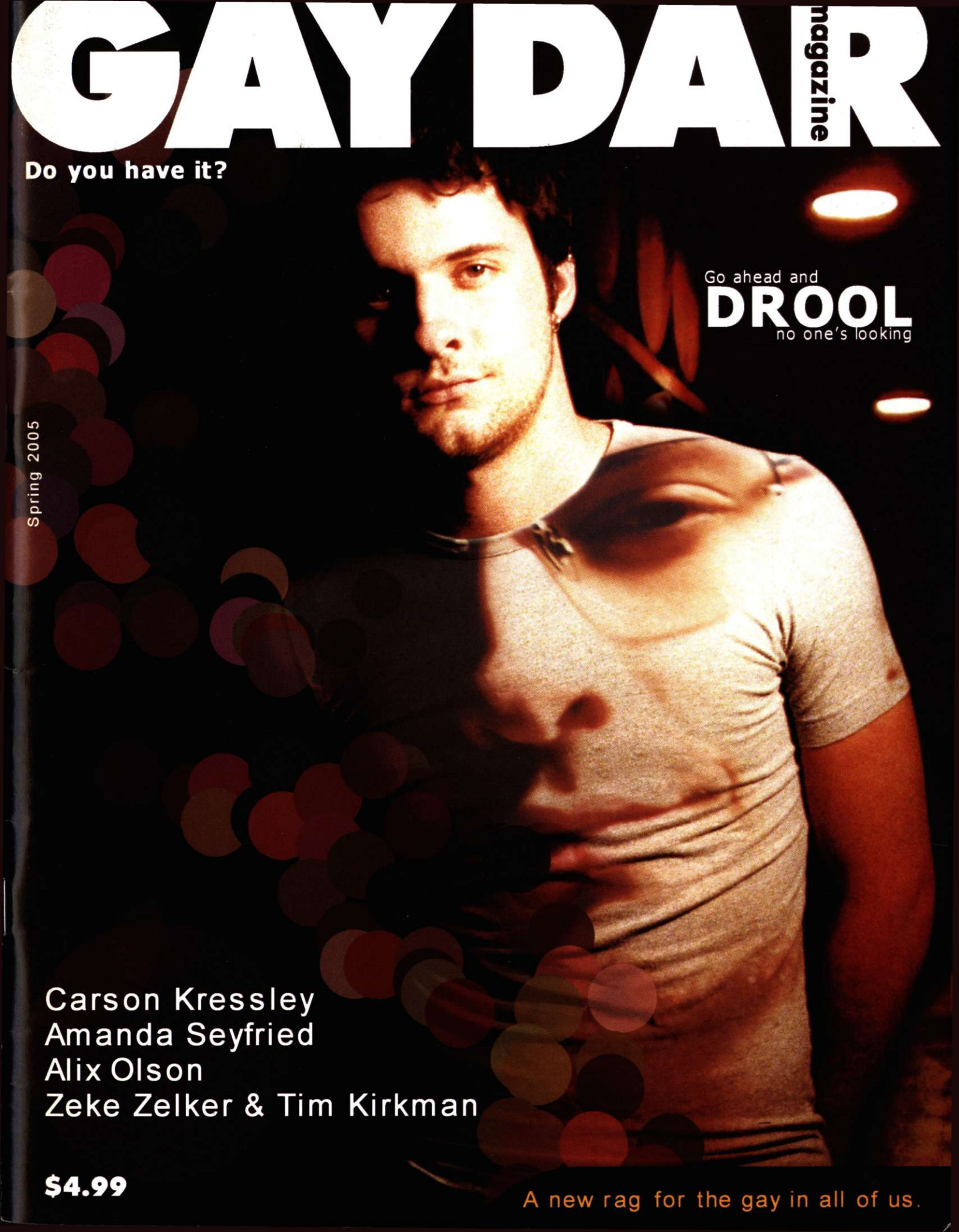

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Actor Michael Kelly
in a scene from Loggerheads

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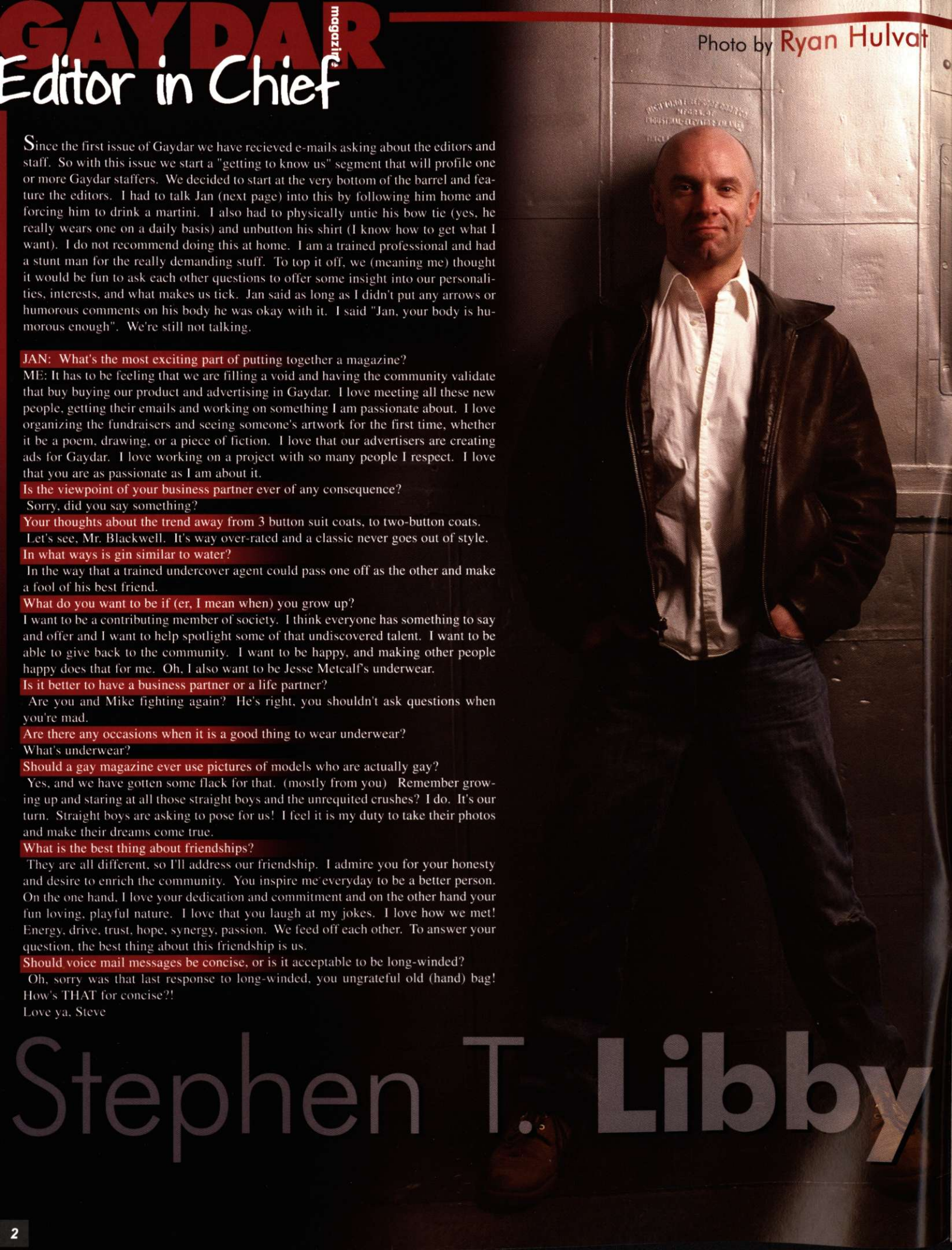

Since the first issue of Gaydar we have recieved e-mails asking about the editors and staff. So with this issue we start a "getting to know us" segment that will profile one or more Gaydar staffers. We decided to start at the very bottom of the barrel and feature the editors. I had to talk Jan (next page) into this by following him home and forcing him to drink a martini. I also had to physically untie his bow tie (yes, he really wears one on a daily basis) and unbutton his shirt (I know how to get what I want). I do not recommend doing this at home. I am a trained professional and had a stunt man for the really demanding stuff. To top it off, we (meaning me) thought it would be fun to ask each other questions to offer some insight into our personalities, interests, and what makes us tick. Jan said as long as I didn't put any arrows or humorous comments on his body he was okay with it. I said "Jan, your body is humorous enough". We're still not talking.

JAN: What's the most exciting part of putting together a magazine?
ME: It has to be feeling that we are filling a void and having the community validate that buy buying our product and advertising in Gaydar. I love meeting all these new people, getting their emails and working on something I am passionate about. I love organizing the fundraisers and seeing someone's artwork for the first time, whether it be a poem, drawing, or a piece of fiction. I love that our advertisers are creating ads for Gaydar. I love working on a project with so many people I respect. I love that you are as passionate as I am about it.

Is the viewpoint of your business partner ever of any consequence?
Sorry, did you say something?

Your thoughts about the trend away from 3 button suit coats, to two-button coats.
Let's see, Mr. Blackwell. It's way over-rated and a classic never goes out of style.

In what ways is gin similar to water?
In the way that a trained undercover agent could pass one off as the other and make a fool of his best friend.

What do you want to be if (er, I mean when) you grow up?
I want to be a contributing member of society. I think everyone has something to say and offer and I want to help spotlight some of that undiscovered talent. I want to be able to give back to the community. I want to be happy, and making other people happy does that for me. Oh, I also want to be Jesse Metcalf's underwear.

Is it better to have a business partner or a life partner?
Are you and Mike fighting again? He's right, you shouldn't ask questions when you're mad.

Are there any occasions when it is a good thing to wear underwear?
What's underwear?

Should a gay magazine ever use pictures of models who are actually gay?
Yes, and we have gotten some flack for that. (mostly from you) Remember growing up and staring at all those straight boys and the unrequited crushes? I do. It's our turn. Straight boys are asking to pose for us! I feel it is my duty to take their photos and make their dreams come true.

What is the best thing about friendships?
They are all different, so I'll address our friendship. I admire you for your honesty and desire to enrich the community. You inspire me everyday to be a better person. On the one hand, I love your dedication and commitment and on the other hand your fun loving, playful nature. I love that you laugh at my jokes. I love how we met! Energy, drive, trust, hope, synergy, passion. We feed off each other. To answer your question, the best thing about this friendship is us.

Should voice mail messages be concise, or is it acceptable to be long-winded?
Oh, sorry was that last response to long-winded, you ungrateful old (hand) bag! How's THAT for concise?!
Love ya, Steve

Stephen T. Libby

Managing Editor

Photo by Daniel Mare

For some reason, the editor in chief thinks that I need to write an editor's letter as well. I'm not exactly sure why that is. He never listens to a word I say; maybe he wants to give you, our dear readers, the opportunity to to ignore my thoughts, too. Aren't you feeling lucky, today?

As for the picture; well, our creative director thinks that I'm actually an undercover agent. Hence, the James Bond pose. While I do wear bow ties and cuff links, and I do drink martinis (gin please, served dirty and straight up, in case you're ever buying), the only piece of heat I've successfully unloaded is...well, maybe I should just stop there.

In the questions that Steve and I have posed for each other, you'll hear a little bit of the banter that goes on between us when we put each issue of the magazine together. We have this whole left-brain, right-brain thing going on between us. Although I enjoy shaping each issue, I'm typically more content to be the behind the scenes business guy (it also helps me keep my secret identify as a government agent safe).

The good news for you, dear reader, is that we only wasted one page with this article. The bad news? Well, Steve may make me do it again. God help us all.

STEVE:Your reasons for wanting to edit a magazine.

ME: You mean beyond getting to take pictures of cute guys in a various states of undress? Actually, because I travel around the country for work, I've noticed that the major metropolitan areas have their own gay rags; while smaller cities never seem to have something to call their own. There are lots of homos in other places besides big cities--and they have a social life all their own. I know that to be true, because I live it. I've always thought it would be fun to create a magazine with those communities in mind. So now I am.

Your thoughts on arrows, astericks, and fun writing on the photos of hot models. Generally, I think they are illustrative of the mind of someone who is sexually repressed. Something like: "I'm not touching the bodies of hot men in my real life, so I might as well write all over them." If someone was getting a little action at home, I think there would be a lot less graffiti in the magazine. Not that I'm pointing fingers, or anything. But why deface the beauty of a photograph of a hot guy with all sorts of distracting mish mash? Besides, if I want to write on the stomach of a model, I'll do it myself ... in person!

The Incredibles as a social commentary on our current condition. Discuss.

On whose current condition? The world's or your own, sweetie? Is there a connection between the need for a new supersuit and, say, a certain someone's over indulgent appetite for peanut M&M's? Hmm. I wonder. Or, maybe a link between Elastigirl's super power, and someone else's amazing leg flexibility. Dahling, if you want the answers, consult with Edna Mode. She's too fabulous!

Your motivation and passion.

To see as many guys in their underwear as possible. It doesn't get any simpler than that. There's got to be an entry for that somewhere in the Guiness Book of World Records.

Your thoughts on Phyllis Diller.

Is she really a woman? With that much make up and her unique voice, I'm thinking she's an over-acting drag queen who hasn't been outed, and won't stop performing until she wins the Miss Gay America contest.

Favorite song, actor, actress, politician, movie, ice cream flavor, vacation destination, sexual position.

Song: "Truly, Madly, Deeply" by Savage Garden. It's the first slow song that I ever danced to with a man that I fell in love with. I still smile every time I hear it; really. Actor: Johnny Depp. He plays great, quirky parts in non-traditional movies. He's amazing. Actress: Probably Hilary Swank. She's great ... and she makes for a cute boy, too. Ice Cream: I don't eat a lot of ice cream ... one of my friends keeps polishing off the cartons before I can get to them. But I'd have to say that my favorite flavor is Turtle Fudge Cake. Vacation destination: Anywhere I haven't been before. I love to travel and have been to almost all of the 50 states. I want to hit each of the continents (including Antarctica) in my lifetime. Sexual Position: My position is that people should be getting sex as often possible. Unless we're talking about my parents; they should never even think of doing it again.

Describe how your body reacts to the word "handbag".

The word makes my whole body go stiff. It's the only fashion accessory that makes me wish I was a girl (and the surest sign that I truly am queer). You and all the rest of my friends can laugh at the way my head whips around on 5th Avenue in New York City when I see a Kate Spade bag. Handbags are simply fabulous. Besides, it would make a great place to hide my secret agent gun and decoder ring.

Hottie of the moment and why?

Depends on the moment. Am I shopping? Then it's Travis Fimmel in any underwear ad. At the movies? Orlando Bloom in any role and with any hair color. Watching TV? Jake Gyllenhal. At the beach? Any guy who looks good in a speedo.

Favorite part about working on Gaydar.

I get to talk to my best friend every day. But even better, I get to listen to him say everything twice. Once in a voicemail messages that seem to go on for three hours; the second time in person.

Use this space to write anything you want.

Four score and seven years ago, our forefathers brought forth...

Jan L. Elsasser

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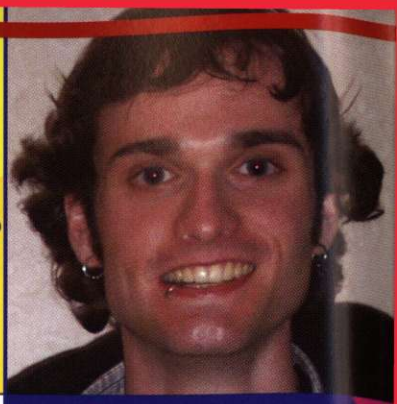

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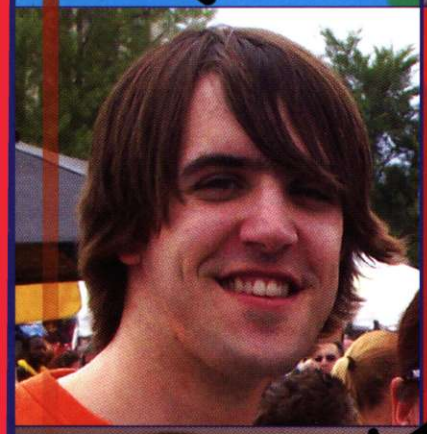

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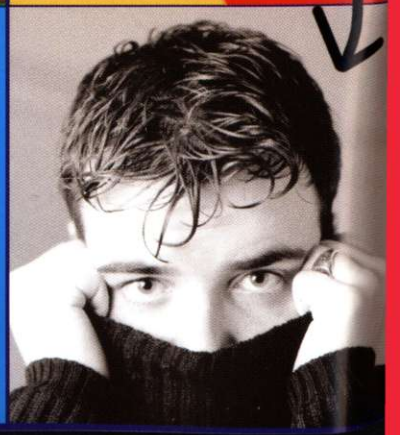

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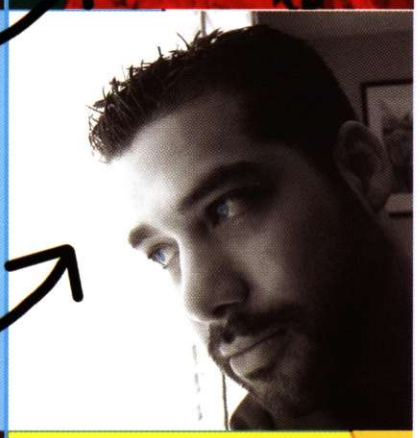

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What's In & What's Out

Glenn D. Williams Jr.

"I have some bad news." From there, I knew that something was wrong. "Glenn died this morning." In a state of shock, I dropped my book. Did Ally really say what I thought he said. The word 'died' and the name 'Glenn' didn't seem to correspond with each other. That was like saying 'peanut butter' and 'jellyfish': it didn't make any sense. In a way, a part of my life was gone. Glenn was everything - whimsical and witty, courageous and creative. He didn't let anyone stop him.

I had met Glenn some time in the autumn or winter of 2003. He was sitting at the upstairs bar at the Stonewall. He hadn't even met me for five minutes before he suggested that I join his friends to go with him that weekend to Rainbow Mountain. As weeks went by, Glenn and I had gotten to talking, mostly about our shared quest for finding a place in Allentown. I had suggested to him that why don't we both look for a place and be room-mates. He didn't oppose, and the search was on! In January, I had found an apartment in center city, and after meeting with Glenn and the landlords and the signing of a lease, the apartment was ours.

Living with Glenn was like living in a sitcom, where he was the wacky neighbor who knew the right thing to say and knew when to say it. Plus, his elfish grin and sideways glance was just about enough to signify that something was going to happen, whether I liked it or not. Almost every day was a good time.

He was an extremely talented artist, who could draw the most elaborate and beautiful drawings in the amount of time it usually takes me to draw a perfect circle. His singing talent was something that you could notice from a distance. The song that he sang the most was "Any Dream Will Do" from "Joseph And The Amazing Technocolor Dreamcoat".

Things had started to go downhill a month or two later. Enter depression. The medication caused him to sleep for extended periods of time; because of this, he missed work. He then went on a medical leave.
And then came "the day", as I call it. My boyfriend and I were sitting in the living room with a few of our friends. From what I recall, my b/f went into the front room (which was Glenn's bedroom) to retrieve something, and when he came back, his face was pale. Calmly, he explained that Glenn had told him that he had taken all of his medication. We called 911, who quickly came to Glenn's rescue and whisked him off to the hospital. Glenn was taken into rehab, but they released him after only a week. His boyfriend picked him up and he stayed with him. He never came back to the apartment to live. After that, I didn't see much of Glenn, except for a few brief appearances on his part at our favorite diner. The last time that I saw him was October 1, 2005. I invited him over to the house for a small party I was having. "You do remember where the house is, right?" I joked with him. He laughed and said, "Yeah", but sadly, that was the last time I saw him.

I had discovered in my personal effects that I had Glenn's CD of Broadway hits, which features "Any Dream Will Do". Whenever I put it on, I listen to it and think of Glenn, a man who will surely be missed by anyone that he ever met. I miss ya, buddy!

James Falcon

Editor's Note: I met Glenn a few years ago and was immediately struck by his effervescent personality. I later became aware of his artistisc ability and requested some art work for Gaydar. He obliged by creating the Safe Sex Boys. His husband, Chris, supported the inclusion of Glenn's latest work on page 57. We at Gaydar will miss Glenn and his talent and wish his soul peace . A heartfelt thank you to James and Chris for sharing thier memories. SL

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An interview with Alix Olson

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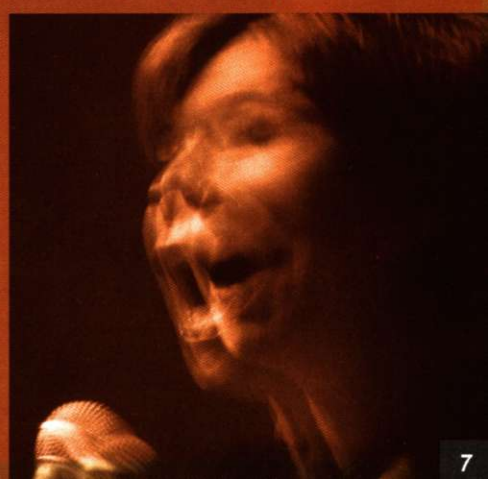
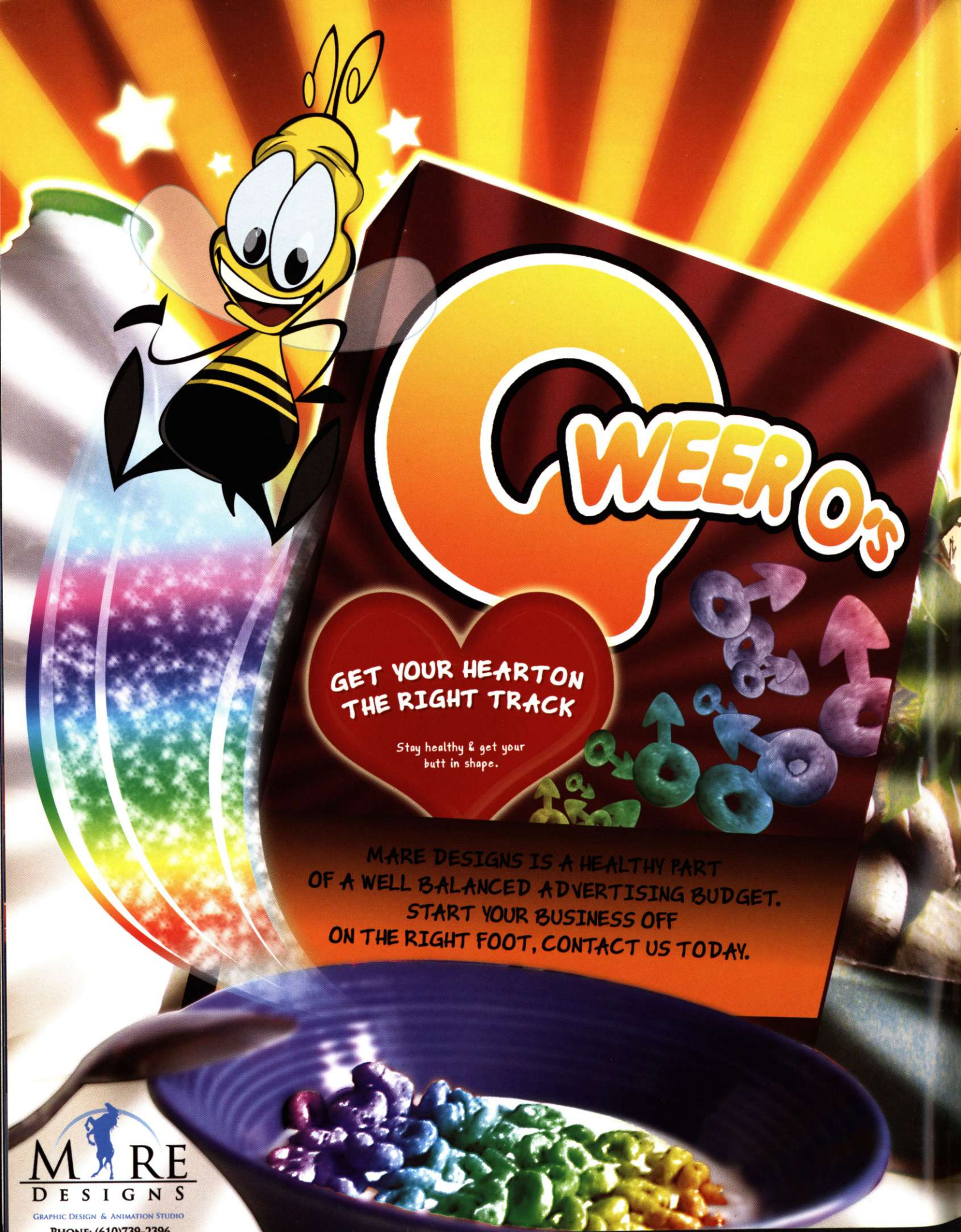
Alix Olson is an incredibly outspoken individual. She believes in equal rights for all including the right to marry "if one chooses that route". She is an activist with a heart of gold. She does not want you to misinterpret her "optimistic anger" for hatred. She believes anger can be healthy and productive. She is not a fan of the current administration that governs the people of the United States. If you haven't heard of Alix Olson it isn't for lack of trying. She is an out and proud award-winning lesbian slam poet. And lucky for us she is. She has been profiled, defiled, deified, deflowered, dissected, disrespected and determined. She is fighting the good fight with humor, rhythm, some cursing and oh yeah, anger. The next time she is playing your town, turn down the telly and put your ear to the left (the far left) and chances are you'll hear her rant and rave against the anti-gay, anti-female, anti-human conservative agenda that has made the US a new Police State: where the censors are too concerned about a curse word or loose boob (yeah, I know, I'm over it too) and not concerned enough about the lies of the son. I am old enough to remember the original broadcasts of Norman Lear's classic TV show All in the Family. (AITF would never make it to air today: the irony being, it was exactly what AITF showcased that led to the PC world we live in now.) However, I am also young enough to believe that the human spirit can overcome the human stain. And this eight year stain ain't gonna be easy to scrub out. (read in a Texas drawl for optimum effect) I believe Alix Olson to be among the hopeful angry voices that will help educate the masses. Alix and I met for lunch recently. We laughed and shared salads. She even turned the interviewing tables on me a couple of times. Here is what she had to say:

Gaydar Magazine: How old are you?
Alix Olson: 29.
GM: You don't look 29. I was just talking with a friend who guessed you to be 24 or 25. Hold on to those genes.
When did you know you were a lesbian?
AO: I first kissed a girl when I was 16.
GM: I love that song.
AO: "I Kissed a Girl"? Me too. I got to do a show with Jill Sobule a while back. She is super nice. So I kissed a girl when I was 16 and I finally came out when I was 19.
GM: People that come to your shows seem to cover the whole spectrum.
AO: The local shows are not typical. It's usually more lesbian-heavy.
GM: Do they bus the lesbians in from someplace?
AO: (laughter)It makes me nervous when the audience is so diverse, because I think 'are they going to get it'?
GM: We thought the same thing with Gaydar, but we were pleasantly surprised that some of the most positive feedback has been from our straight allies.
AO: Do you sense a more gay male or lesbian presence in this community?
GM: I think it's pretty even…and I also see a lot of a transgender presence. At a recent Freedom to Marry Day celebration the reception hall looked like a trans convention. It's great. But I don't see many trans people out at the bars. Probably because they get as many stares as if they were to walk into a straight bar.
AO: Do you mind if I ask you a question?
GM: I thought you just did?
AO: (both laugh) Do you feel comfortable holding a man's hand while walking around Bethlehem, (PA)?
GM: I have done it. Depends on my mood. I usually do not let where I am dictate how I act. Unless it's at an orgy. Then I say "when in Rome…"
AO: (laughter) I ask because I've gotten stared at soooo much and that always seems so bizarre to me. I forget where I am and that people might it think it's odd. But I will never stop doing it.
GM: You should be on the L Word.
AO: They asked, and we're working on it.
GM: That would be so great!
AO: Yeah, there is a lack of gay presence on TV currently.
GM: We're in the process of planning Gaydar Girl, and would love you to pose for the first centerfold…
AO: (Laughs uncontrollably)
GM: (Looks around) Uhhhh,…ok…regarding gay marriage…
AO: I've been misquoted in the past. It's been reported that I don't believe in marriage or monogamy. I feel forced into a fight that was never on my agenda. Of course I feel all people should be allowed to marry. It's just not something I personally feel like I have to do right now.
GM: I feel exactly the same way. Gays get so much flack that they would destroy this holiest of commitments when in fact it's already been torn and tattered beyond all recognition. I see it like the inner cities. Let the gays move in and it can only get better.
AO: And if this union is so holy, people should not be allowed to get a divorce.
GM: (Both laugh) That's right. We're talking two different things. Marriage vs a Holy Blessing. A holy blessing shouldn't entitle you to financial benefits.
AO: It should be a contract that cannot be undone.
GM: And my guess is most people would opt for the marriage only.
AO: Amen!

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Fiesta Fare for Gay Caballeros

With a history as lively and colorful as salsa, Mexican cuisine is a complex amalgam of cultures that has evolved continuously over the past few centuries. When native ingredients initially blended with those from Europe, fresh culinary patterns emerged: New World foods, such as corn, tomatoes and avocados, were transformed by the rice, garlic, pigs and chickens that arrived with the Spaniards. Hybrid creations range from the humble pork burrito to intricate dishes like pipian de gallina, chicken simmered in a sumptuous pumpkin seed sauce.

Cinco de Mayo, or fifth of May, is a perfect time to explore the culinary heritage of our southern neighbor. Though often mistaken for Mexican Independence Day, the popular holiday commemorates a single historic battle in 1862, when an outnumbered Mexican army defeated invading troops from France. In the U.S., the occasion has become an unofficial holiday celebrated with fabulous foods and mariachi bands. So throw plenty of Corona on ice and let the festivities begin!

Charros-style Black Beans

Yield: 6 – 8 side dish servings

2 15-ounce cans black beans, drained (or use prepared dried beans)
4 slices bacon, chopped, or 4 ounces Mexican chorizo
4 large garlic cloves, minced
1 large onion, chopped
1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
4 jalapenos or Serrano peppers, chopped finely
1 large celery stalk, chopped finely
2 tablespoons chile powder
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
Juice of 1/2 lime

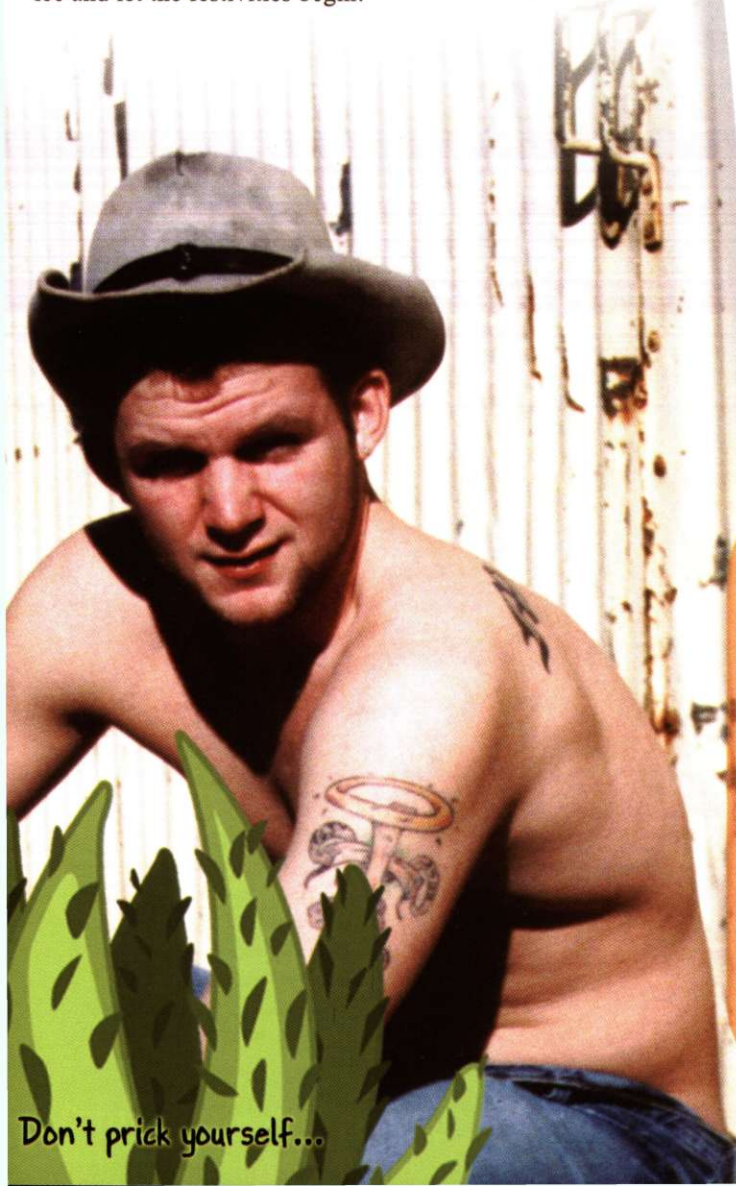
(see next page for cooking instructions)

Chilaquiles con Chorizo

Yield: 4 servingss

1 medium sweet Texas or Vidalia onion, chopped
1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
12 ounces Mexican chorizo, casing removed
4 large or 6 small stale flour tortillas, cut into strips
1/2 cup crema (if unavailable, use sour cream)
2 tablespoons chopped, fresh cilantro
1 ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
2 ripe tomatoes, sliced

(see next page for cooking instructions)



Fiesta Planning Guide

- Decorate with peppers, from traditional ristra garlands to strands of campy chile peppers lights. Pull out those tacky souvenirs from your Mexican vacation, including that oversized sombrero.
- Select mood-setting music: Festive mariachi during cocktails, mellow classical guitar at dinner; The Mexican soundtrack for postprandial relaxation.
- Embellish the table with earthenware pottery, pewter serving pieces and punched tin or wrought iron candleholders. Feature a simple bouquet of poppies or even a cactus garden. Swap the standard tablecloth for a bright serape.
- Enhance the visual appeal of drinks with Mexican cobalt or confetti glasses. Fiestaware dishes create festive, mix-and-match place settings.
- Ask each guest to bring a favorite salsa, either homemade or purchased. The vibrant variety will accent the meal and spark conversation.
- Finish dinner with Altura coffee, grown in volcanic mountain soil. Complement the smooth taste with Kahlua and a dollop of whipped cream.

Photos by Stephen Libby Model: Steve

Mexican Brownies

Yield: 16 squares

1/4 cup good quality cocoa powder
1/2 cup unsalted butter
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted
1 teaspoon instant coffee
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
1 teaspoon chipotle puree (optional)
1 – 2 tablespoons confectioner's sugar

The Hacienda Pantry

- Many key Mexican seasonings, such as cilantro, limes, garlic, oregano, cumin and cinnamon, may already be in your kitchen.
- More exotic components include nopales, or cactus paddles, which can be added to stews, and epazote, considered essential when cooking frijoles. Dried or fresh, this herb counteracts the natural gasses that give beans a bad reputation. Cuitlacoche, known as "Mexican caviar," can be used in everything from quesadillas to soup. This delicacy, available in cans, is actually a fungus that grows on corn.
- Skip the Monterey jack in favor of authentic cheeses like queso Oaxaca, a meltable variety for shredding, or queso codeja, a crumbly cheese that tastes like a cross between feta and parmesan.
- Stock up on beans, either dried or canned. Black turtle is an especially flavorful, versatile and nutritious variety.
- Cinnamon-laced Mexican chocolate is a must for rich mole sauces. Ibarra and Abuelita are common brands of this slightly grainy confection.
- Dozens of varieties of chile peppers spark Mexican cuisine, and each boasts a unique flavor. Keep in mind that smaller pepper are usually hotter: Serranos and tiny pequins pack far more heat than jalapenos, while habaneros boast incendiary flavor. On the mild side, velvety poblanos are wonderful for stuffing or grilling. Chipotles (dried, smoked jalapenos) and anchos (dried poblanos) may be ground for seasoning or reconstituted for sauces and stews.
- La Placita Mexican Deli, located at 12th and Turner streets in Allentown, offers well-stocked shelves of exotic ingredients and bins of dried chiles.

Mexican Kitchen Tools

- Made from hand-carved stone, the molcajete is a mortar and pestle used to grind spices. Try preparing guacamole tableside in a molcajete for a flamboyant presentation.
- A tortilla press quickly turns a ball of masa, fresh dough made with masa harina (a corn flour not be confused with corn meal or polenta) into a perfect tortilla. These inexpensive devices can be found for under $20.
- A comal, or cast iron griddle, is indispensable for blistering chiles or making tortillas, fajitas, and quesadillas.
- Put a frothy collar on Mexican hot chocolate with a wooden, whisk-like tool called a molinillo.
- MexGrover.com is an outstanding purveyor of food and culinary equipment. Their website also provides generous information, instructions and recipes – so transforming dinner into a fiesta is as easy as uno-dos-tres

Charros-style Black Beans

Beans are pervasive in Mexican cuisine, and regional specialties showcase the adaptability of frijoles as they're incorporated into countless regional specialties. For example, Sonora, in the north, is synonymous with zesty grilled meats infused with fragrant mesquite smoke – and zesty beans are a Mexican cowboy tradition. This piquant recipe is a great accompaniment to pork, lamb or goat, as well as beef. Vary the flavor and texture by substituting red or pinto beans for black beans.

1. Saute bacon or chorizo in large skillet, then stir in garlic, onion, peppers, and celery.
2. Continue to cook over medium heat for 10 minutes, or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.
3. Add chile powder, oregano, cayenne, salt and pepper.
4. Stir in beans, reduce heat and simmer at least 15 minutes.
5. Stir in cilantro and lime juice.
6. Pour into serving bowl, spooning bean mixture over meat.

Chilaquiles con Chorizo

There are an infinite number of ways to prepare chilaquiles, the classic method of using stale tortillas. They can be pan simmered, baked in a casserole, topped with cheese or mixed with a variety of ingredients, such as beaten eggs, meat or chopped vegetables. This version includes Mexican chorizo, which is distinct from Spanish chorizo – an air dried product flavored with smoked paprika and garlic, but no herbs. In comparison, the Mexican version has about twice as many ingredients. Typical seasonings include chiles, coriander, cumin, cloves, ginger and cider vinegar. It boasts a fine, moist texture, and has to be removed from the casing and crumbled before cooking.

1. Heat large skillet over medium heat.
2. Add onion, peppers, garlic and chorizo. Break up meat and stir with other ingredients.
3. Cook for several minutes until onions are translucent, then stir in tortillas.
4. Cook until tortillas are soft and meat is cooked thoroughly.
5. Arrange avocado and tomato slices on one side of plates, and spoon tortilla mixture beside them.
6. Pour crema over the chilaquiles and sprinkle with cilantro.

Mexican Brownies

With the apt botanical name of Theobroma, or "food of the gods," chocolate is arguably Mexico's greatest culinary gift to the world. Consumed first by the Olmecs, the oldest Meso-American society, cultivated by the Mayans, and later revered by the Aztecs, cacao was valued as both food and currency. The small brown beans, grown on trees that flourish only in lush, tropical climes, were even counterfeited by filling shells with ground or clay. And, although never proved by science, chocolate has long been considered an aphrodisiac. Montezuma always imbibed a chocolate potation before visiting his harem, and Aztec harvest festivals, where chocolate was a key ingredient, usually concluded in wild orgies. Perhaps they were just looking for an excuse. But, hey, whatever works.

1. Place cocoa and butter in a small pan over low heat.
2. Stir until butter is melted and mixture is blended. Set aside.
3. Mix eggs and sugar in a medium bowl, then stir in flour, vanilla, melted chocolate, coffee, cinnamon and cayenne.
4. Add butter mixture to bowl and stir until smooth.
5. Pour batter into a greased 8-by-8-inch baking pan.
6. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.
7. When cooled completely, dust brownies with powdered sugar, strained through a small sieve.
8. Cut into squares.

Dear Me!

by Jan Elsasser

Because sometimes the best advice you get, is the advice you give yourself.

Q: My partner keeps complaining that his computer is too slow when using the internet and has started using my computer. Now MY computer is starting to drag. What should I do?

Dear Me,
You're obviously discovering the reason your partner's computer is slow. His clicking on all sorts of sites has uploaded garbage onto his computer. Worse, he's inflicting the same damage on your computer. What to do? Well, you could test the wire strength of your mouse to see if it could be used to bind his hands indefinitely. (Note to self: market this idea to an S&M store) On a more practical level, you could simply password protect your computer. But he'll undoubtedly become suspicious and assume you are trying to hide incriminating e-mails or an account at bootyboy.com. The easiest solution is to be the daddy you were meant to be, and buy him a new computer. After all, he does like gifts, doesn't he?

Q: Carson Kressley has ruined my life. On an episode of Queer Eye for the Straight Guy he said cell phones are not fashion accessories and should not be clipped to one's belt. Now my partner keeps his cell phone in his briefcase and never gets my calls. What should I do?

Dear Me,
Has it ever occurred to you that your partner doesn't want to get your phone calls and uses Carson as an excuse to ignore you? Of course not, because this article is all about you. It seems you have two options. First, super glue the phone to his hand so that he has no choice but to notice when you call. Not very practical, to be sure. Your best bet is to just stop calling him. That way he'll assume you're up to no good and start calling you incessantly.

Q: My partner won't stop calling me. What should I do?

Dear Me,
Oh bitch, please! Go watch some Queer Eye.

IN & OUT

by Shawn Bausher

Because the best advice you will ever get, will be the advice I give you.

IN

Le Tigre (the Tiger is back!)
Multi-color striped sweaters, Rugby shirts
High top sneakers
White jeans (yes, again!)
Anything metallic (from t-shirts to jackets to belts....)
Hippie chic
Dyson Vacuum (even though I never use the vacuum, this sums up why you should have one: bagless, good suction and comes in lavender!!!)
Ipods,Satellite Radio
Plate Escapes (yummy meals for people with busy lifestyles at a low cost!)
City living (lofts are back in style)
Groomed eye brows, Pedicures (see why below)
Pilates
Desperate Housewives (Melrose Place of the new millennium...ahhhhh!)
Martha Stewart (she's back...back again...just under house arrest)

OUT

Again.....fake designer hand bags....ladies please...we can tell they are fake (at least I can and I will tell everyone else!!!!!!!)
Chunky wool sweaters, Wearing sweat bands as fashion...not even to work out - use a freakin towel!!!)
Jewelry on men...1 piece=ok, 2 pieces=borderline, 3 pieces=Liberace
Prada robot key chains (who didn't see that one coming?)
Colored lens sunglasses (blue, pink, etc)
Portable CD players, Recording on video tapes...get TiVo for Christ's sake!
No carb diets, Aerobics
The FCC...bye bye Mr. Powell, who will be the next moron to censor every f****** thing????
Daiquiri's (no one should be ordering these anymore)
Mono brow or Uni-brow (looks bad, even on Colin Ferrell!!!)
Ungroomed toenails and feet (PLEASE don't wear sandals unless you have nice feet...please see me and I will tell you if you do!!!)
American Idols,TV show and Randy, Simon and Paula.....enough already!

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Knot Now!

On February 11th, same sex couples from around the country went to their local courthouses to apply for marriage licenses. When denied a marriage license, each couple registered its protest as part of the National Freedom to Marry Day. Below are the accounts of two

Aside from the obvious that we both believe that **all** people should have the same basic human rights. Though some may see us as an unusual couple, to us there is no stronger love in the world. We are the most "normal", if you will, couple in the world. I can't imagine spending my life with anyone else. I think this is the day that all wholesome relationships should be supported by everyone including our local and federal governments. It feels like we are approaching the point in history, under the current Bush administration, that soon we will have to fear being dragged out of our home and incarcerated for loving one another! John and I have been together 6 years, after spending several years prior to that exploring what we didn't want in a spouse. Three years ago we were married in a church by the Reverend Elizabeth Goudy. We both received full support from family, friends and co-workers. We are both professional, upstanding, **contributing** and committed citizens in our community and we deserve the same rights as any other married couple.

Signed Kipp & John

When we met in 1993 at the Gay Rights March on Washington, neither of us was very political. Being in our early 20's and very new to the gay scene, we were more concerned with exploring our sexuality than trying to understand the complexity of "Don't ask, Don't tell". Through the Clinton years we became very comfortable in our relationship as well as developing our friends, family and careers. Needless to say, we became politically complacent. 12 years later we were rudely awakened from our suburban coma by George W. Bush and his antigay agenda! His proposal for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage sounded to us like something being spouted by the Nazi Regime. It was the first time in our lives that we were truly afraid of living openly as a gay couple in the United States of America. We knew our future was in jeopardy! Throughout the years we talked about having a ceremony to celebrate our love, but marriage was never really an issue. We were socialized to believe we could never have it, and unfortunately, we accepted that.

After observing what was happening in San Francisco and New York City we quickly realized that this was not about religion and morality like the Christian Right would like America to believe, but truly about our civil rights as tax paying Americans. After realizing how many legal benefits same sex couples are being denied, we decided to stand up! Enough is enough! We wanted our voice heard and that led us to the courthouse on February 11th to apply for a marriage license. Although we were denied, we believe in our hearts that someday Americans will see this issue for what it is and work to make things right. Only then will we be able to drift happily back into our suburban coma.

Sincerely, Diane & Liz

FRESH FACE

Amanda Seyfried

Interviewed by Stephen Libby

I had the good fortune to meet Amanda Seyfried before her star really took off. I worked with her mother, Ann, for a couple of years and was kept up to date with Amanda's early career with photos and the excited stories of a proud parent. Amanda has always been interested in performing but didn't realize to what extent until she lost out on a role. She decided after the fact, she really wanted it and to be an actress. She made this career decision at the ripe old age of 16. The Allentown, native is fortunate to have a supportive network of family and friends including sister, Jenn, and dad, Jack. Miss Seyfried started her professional career on the daytime drama, All My Children. After a year of working with Erica Kane, Amanda left AMC to steal scenes from Lindsay Lohan in the big screen comedy, Mean Girls. If you didn't see it, stop reading right now, and go rent it. The movie is funny, but Amanda is funnier. Amanda and mom were at Sundance to premiere Nine Lives which co-stars Sissy Spacek, Holly Hunter, Glen Close, Robin Wright Penn, Mary Kay Place, and Amy Brenneman (can you say BIG league?!) Amanda is also featured in the current season of Veronica Mars, as the dead chick whose death Veronica is investigating. She is working on a new Tom Hanks produced HBO series called Big Love with Bill Paxton, Jeanne Tripplehorn and Cloe Sevigny. This, after completing Alpha Dog with Bruce Willis and Justin Timberlake! Jeeze Louise!! As if reading this list of accomplishments didn't take my breath away, seeing Justin Timberlake's name finished me off. I cornered Amanda recently to ask her some of our always relevant questions.

Gaydar Magazine: What did you spend your first All My Children paycheck on?

Amanda Seyfried: Hmm, clothes and oh, yeah, Cynthia Rowley shoes.

GM: What was your character, Karen Smith's, IQ in Mean Girls?

AS: Probably 99 or 100.

GM: What's the most exciting thing to happen since you've become famous?

AS: People yelling your name, at like premieres and stuff. That strangers and the press actually know who I am. And having Mean Girls premiere at the biggest theatre in Hollywood.

GM: Who was your first celebrity crush?

AS: At 11 I had a crush on Leonardo DiCaprio. Actually, it was not a crush. It was an OBSESSION! I was also obsessed with Richard Dean Anderson from McGuyver and Indiana Jones.

GM: Who are you attracted to now?

AS: Mark Ruffalo. I like all the men Laura Linney gets to act with. She is such a bitch (both laugh). Not really.

GM: What song did you sing into your hairbrush as a girl?

AS: This is embarrassing but, "I Want You Back" by N'sync.

GM: And now you've worked with Justin Timberlake!!

AS: I know!!

GM: How cool is that?!! How was he to work with and do you have any love scenes with him?

AS: Unfortunately, no love scenes with JT. But he is so sweet.

GM: Would you give him my number?

AS: (laughs) Sure. He would totally call you!

GM: Okay, calm down for a second. We both got a little hot there. I think we need a little religion. What would you like St. Peter to say when you get to Heaven?

AS: 'What would you like to eat?'

GM: Who is your idol?

AS: Claire Danes. I just love to act and be on the set. I want to make acting my life and get really good roles.

GM: You have many gay fans already, especially our friend, Carl. He is a serious, serious fan, but not yet at stalker level. I'll let you know if that happens. Any message to Carl and your gay fans?

AS: Go Pride! I love Carl! Let's all get together sometime and go shopping!

GM: Congratulations on all this awesome success. We wish you all the best in the future!

A big thanks to Amanda and Ann Seyfried for this interview and for permission to use this photo.

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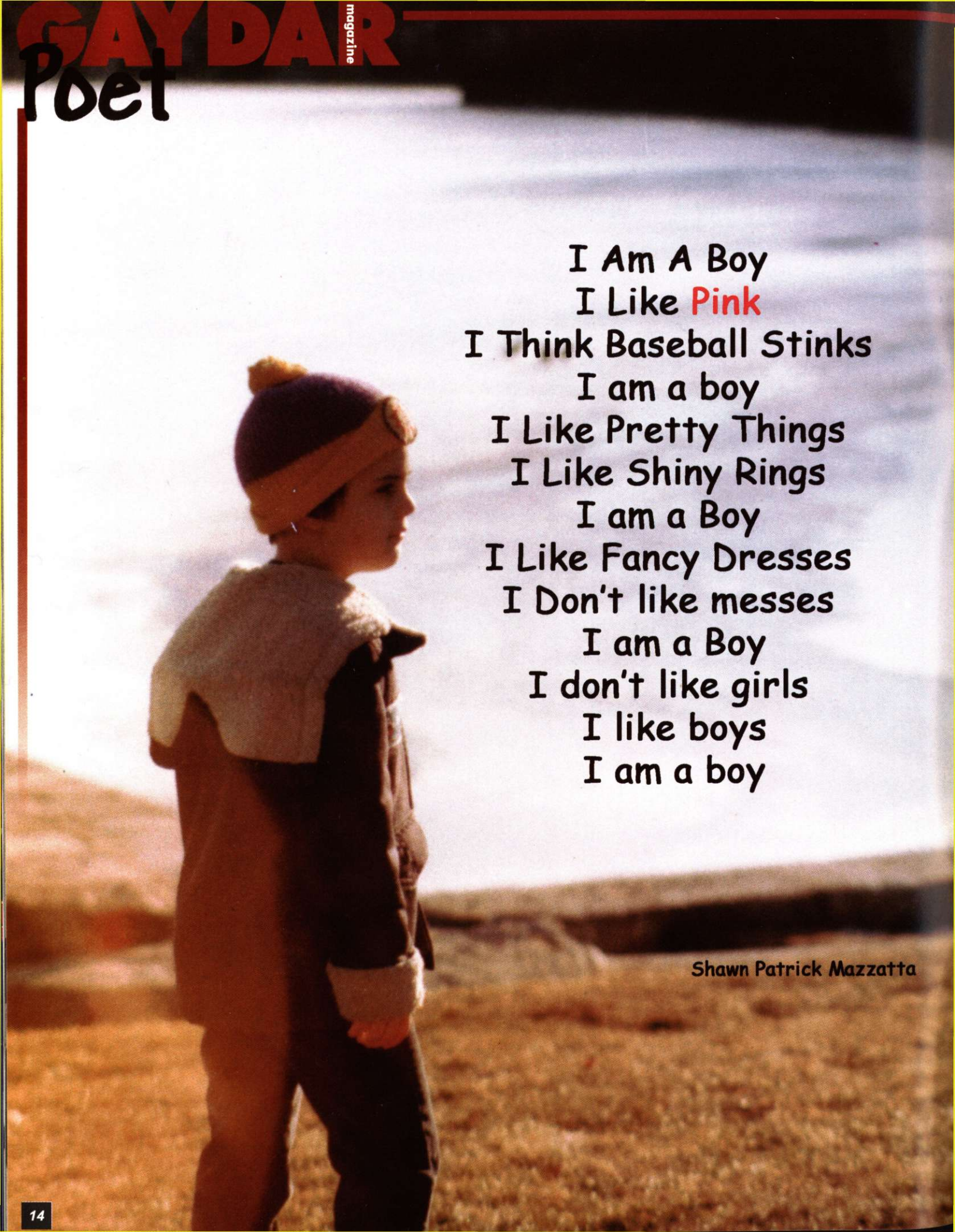

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Trippin

By world renowned traveler Kim Minnoch

Day One 2/25/05
We arrived in Vieques at 5:30pm and it was 80 degrees. Summer at last!! Cabs are waiting for you at the airport, so we jumped into one and headed to Ted's Guesthouse. All apartments have full kitchens and are furnished with towels and linens. For your convenience Ted also has Jeep rentals available as well. I love one stop shopping. When in Vieques you must rent a Jeep to get to all of the wonderful beaches and dining areas.

We walked to the Trade Winds (1/2 block) in Esperanza for a delicious lobster dinner & spirits. Trade Winds is moderately priced and the food is good.

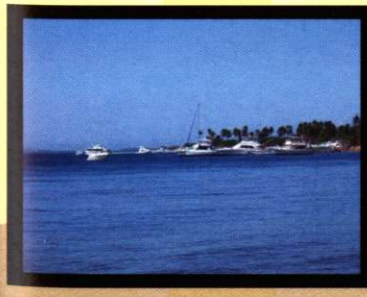
Day Two 2/26/05
We woke around 7:30am to the local roosters singing their lovely tune. I was so looking forward to Puerto Rican coffee & a cherry turnover from the local bakery. Just around the corner from Ted's. This is a must visit: fresh loaves of bread, and apple, cherry or guava turnovers. Did I mention coffee? Café con leche, one Dixie cup will do you. Refills are free.

A lot has happened since the Navy left Vieques. Real Estate doubled & tripled in some areas. Tourism definitely picked up and more beaches are now accessible to the public.

The water is so crystal clear and extraordinarily blue that it takes your breath away. After burning our butts (well everything except our butts), we headed back to Ted's. Driving in Vieques is always an adventure. With 7 major roads, we find it easy to get around the island. When driving through Esperanza don't blink your eyes or you will miss this adorable fishing village. We noticed that Esperanza was busy with tourists. By anyone else's standards this doesn't appear to be busy, but we are used to having a minimal amount of tourists at the restaurants and on the streets. So, we are happy to see that Banana's, (Esperanza's burger joint–think Margaritaville) tables are full.

We headed over to Media Luna Café, in Isabella II, a couple of blocks away from Al's for dinner. Although the food was good, we found the helpings to be sparse and the meal over priced. This is unusual for Vieques, so we were disappointed.

Day Three 2/27/05
Today we were off to a different beach. Green Beach was a little busy today. My partner claims the snorkeling is great on this side of the island. I wouldn't know, I don't snorkel. I mean once you've seen one fish, haven't you seen enough? Now I'm starting to sound like a gay man.



Day Four 2/28/05
This time we headed to Media Luna Beach. Media Luna is a small bay, with a very shallow waterfront, which keeps the water very warm, and the sand is so white and powdery. It's a beautiful swimming beach but not good for snorkeling, according to my girlfriend. We had lunch at the Wyndham, which was good and over priced. My girlfriend's mom and dad wanted to go there. This is not a must. We had dinner at Chez Shack. A must for Monday Grill Night. They have a steel band for dancing. Prices at Chez Shack are moderate and the atmosphere is a lot of fun.

Day Five 3/1/05
We dropped my girlfriend's parents off at the airport and met my friend Diane and her father to take them to Green Beach. Diane was staying at the Hacienda Tamarindo, about ½ mile outside of Esperanza. It is a beautiful oceanfront bed and breakfast. They had the best room in the house. It was absolutely gorgeous. It was a 2 bedroom suite with a veranda that overlooked the ocean. Magnificent and a little pricey, too.

We all saw a gay couple walking hand in hand in Esperanza. You seldom see this, but maybe this is the beginning of something.

Day Six 3/2/05
Our day began like 2,3,4, & 5. Do you see a pattern yet? By now I had consumed my turnover and I was in search of some real fruit. I headed to a local corner store to pick up some fresh bananas & oranges.

Day Seven 3/3/05
At least we are consistent. We were off to Sun Bay Beach and then back to Isabella II for souvenirs and ice cream. After all that work, we headed back to Ted's for a nap.

Day Eight 3/4/05
It's a sad day; back to reality. We had breakfast from the bakery. We packed and Ted drove us back to the airport. He's nice like that. To wrap it up, our vacation was much needed, relaxing, regenerating and fulfilling. It was great to reconnect with family and friends. I also had a blast showing everyone around the (my) island. The island is 20 miles by 5 miles, so it's easy to learn your way around. This has been our 6th visit to Vieques and there are some things that I would like to suggest you take advantage of if you decide to visit Vieques. One other thing that I would like to mention, Vieques reminds me of the wild west with a beach. There are wild horses roaming the island and local residents that tame them for their mode of transportation. It's incredible. Get there before all of this charm slowly disappears.

Kim's Must Do's & Tips>

Trippin

By world renowned traveler Kim Minnoch

Must Do's

Bio Bay is a must. This is a phosphorescent bay that truly glows at night. It's a phenomenon that is unexplainable.

Al's Mar Azul for Sunsets. Discover all of the incredible beaches Vieques has to offer you with a rental Jeep. Guys & Gals don't be afraid to venture out. The island is gay friendly, however PDA is not common. Islanders are friendly for the most part. You need to greet them 1st and they will respond back. Most speak English. Brush up on your Spanish. It's a lot of fun trying to converse in another language. Get out of your comfort zone.

Visit the Lighthouse & Fort to learn more about Vieques history. (Save this for last, just in case you run out of time)

Eat at the vendors on the side of the road. I never had a bad meal or got sick after eating from one.

Relax & be sure to bring a good book with you. Because if it's nightlife that you are looking for you better go back to the main island and hang out in San Juan.

Check out the wild horses, they are majestic & beautiful.

Tid Bits

Size of Vieques is 20 by 5 miles. It takes about 15 minutes to get to any place.

Inhabitants are 9000. Dress is casual. I always over pack and bring half a suitcase of unworn clothes. Girls and drag queens leave your high heels at home.

Cerveza (beer) try Medalla. It's Puerto Rico's local beer. Not too bad. They have some local Rums as well. Don't forget to try one in a Fu Fu drink.

What's Happening on Vieques? Check out the site www.viequesevents.net for more information. You can also get this in hard copy at most restaurants & bars.

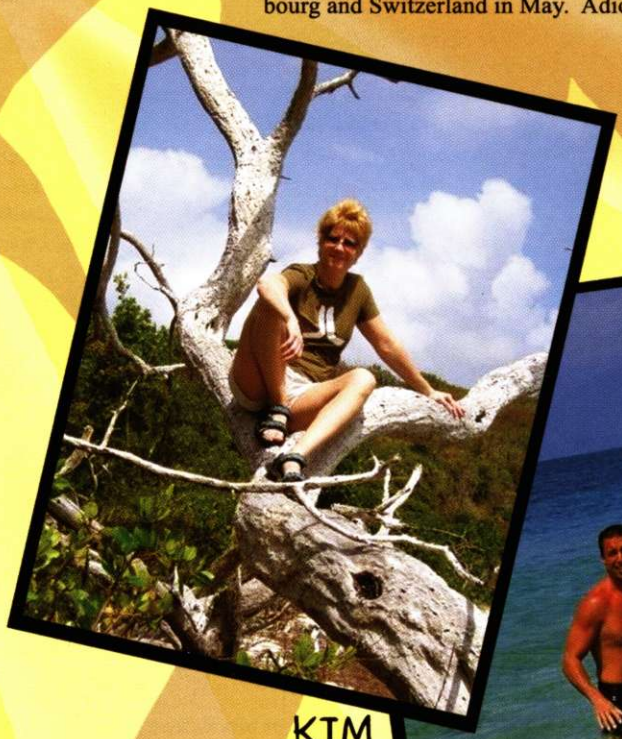
If you feel the need to do research on Puerto Rico and Vieques prior to your trip, Lonely Planet travel guides are the way to go. These guides are more directed to the frugal/budget travelers

Good Restaurants at affordable prices – Banana's, Chez Shack, Al's Mar Azul (when they serve food), Richard's Café, Scoops (ice cream), Tiki Hut (breakfast and lunch), Trade Winds & Island Steak House.

Accommodations – I love staying at Ted's it's very inexpensive and it's 1 block away from Esperanza. There are so many accommodations to choose from. You should visit www.viequesevents.net to find something that meets your needs.

There are a lot of dogs on the island some are pets other are not. The dogs are all so laid back, just be careful not to run any over. Unknown if they have had their shots, BEWARE!

I hope you have all enjoyed the adventures of me and my girlfriend. Gay Girlz that aren't afraid to have some fun. Stay with me, I'm off to LA in April and then Brussels, Luxenbourg and Switzerland in May. Adios until then.



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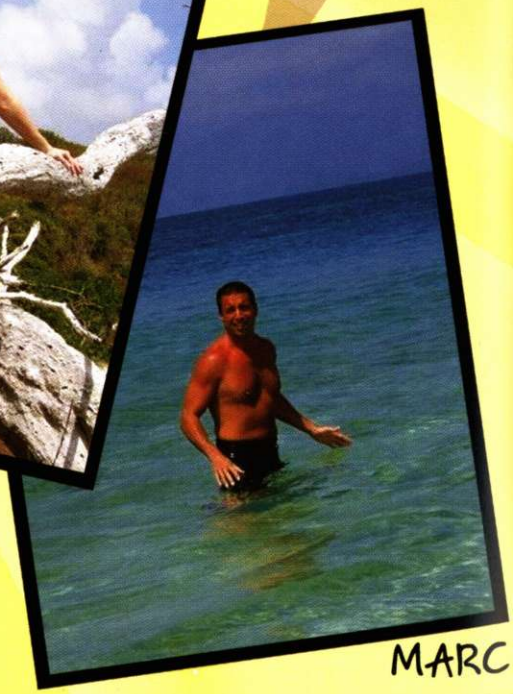

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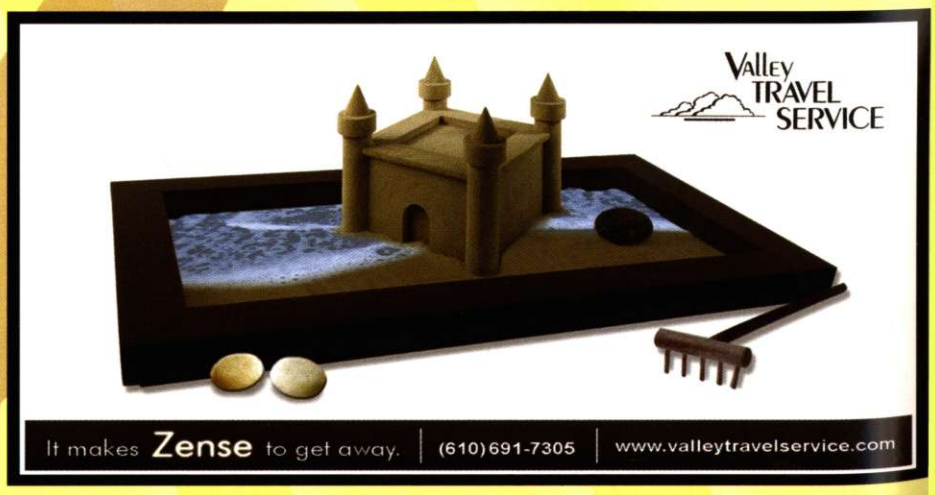

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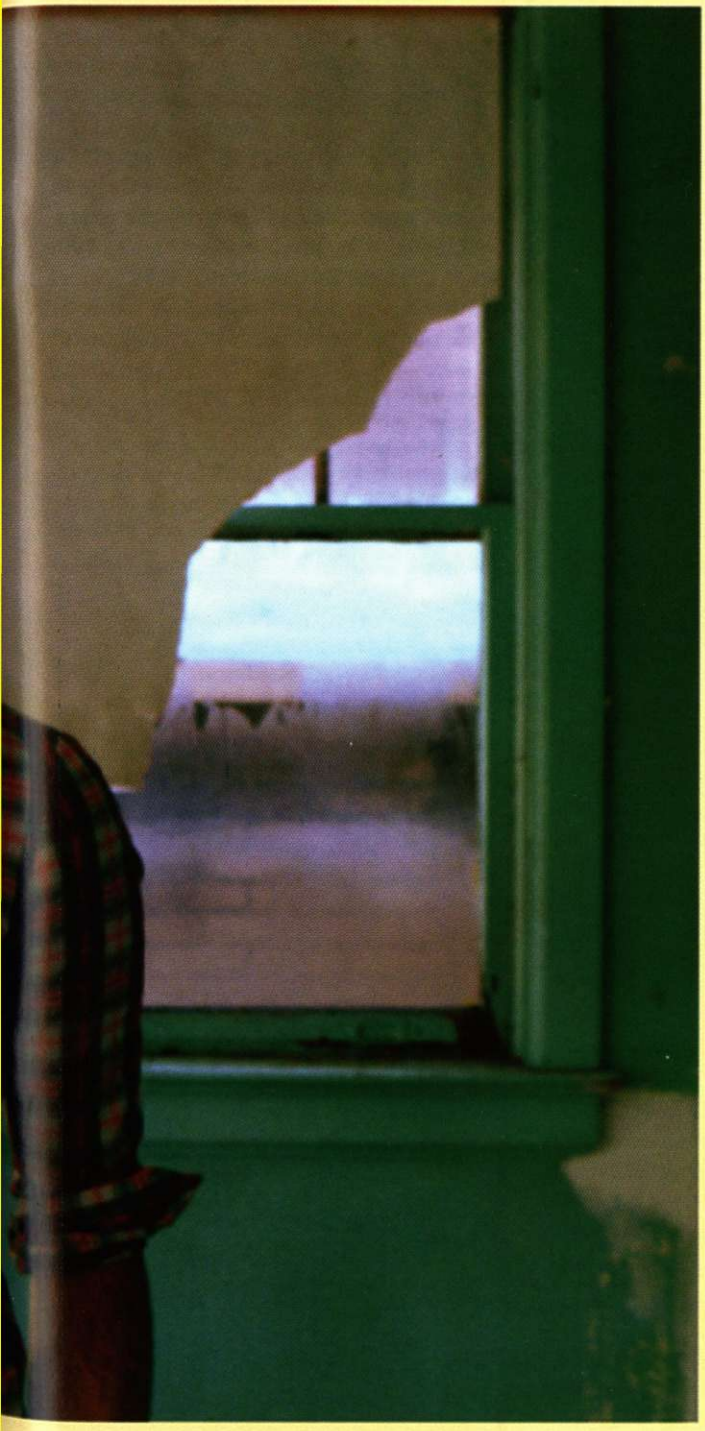

Life's Moments

by world renowned reverend Beth Goudy

Had a moment lately? I don't mean, " I'm having a moment, I just saw Halle Berry on the screen." That's nice; but I mean "moment" like a specific place in life where time just stops. We live only in that moment and it becomes imprinted in our memory.

A movie came out last year called "Cold Mountain." It is an interesting film, though rather stressful to watch. The movie is about a man named Inman who goes off to fight in the Civil War. His love interest is a woman named Ada who waits for him back on Cold Mountain. Inman and Ada were briefly together before he became a soldier.

When he returns after a long and harrowing journey, Inman tells Ada: "You are all that keeps me from sliding into some dark place." Ada asks, "But how did I keep you? We barely knew each other. A few moments." Inman says, "A thousand moments. They're like a bag of tiny diamonds glittering in a black heart. Don't matter if they're real or things I made up. The shape of your neck, that's real. You were always carrying a tray."

We have all had moments. It is about knowing when we have experienced one and not holding on to it, expecting to repeat it again. When we want a moment to be repeated then it's no longer a moment, it's a plan.

I'll share a few of my moments that come to mind:

There was the moment about a dozen years ago when I was throwing a football with a friend on a crisp Autumn day outside of Swift Hall in Chicago. The Dean of Students came outside and asked if I was John Elway.

There was the time I was racing my niece Paige in my parent's backyard in Iowa. As we were running she looked up at me with the great kid smile like I was the fastest human being she had ever seen.

There was the day last year that my nephew Calvin was obsessed with the word "booty" and his mother, my sister Kate, was very strong about him not saying the word. A little later that day as we sat down for supper I asked Calvin what we were having to eat. He said "We're having pasta with chicken booty." I started giggling and oooooh - my sister was mad at us.

There was that moment when my brother Geoff and I were driving back from Chicago to Minnesota after my cousin's baptism many years ago. It was late at night and I was at the wheel when a deer suddenly leapt out onto the highway. I turned just in time to avoid it. Geoff said to me, "Good swervin' Beth." It was a compliment I will treasure forever – my brother, a man, complimenting my driving.

There was the moment ten years ago when I was standing in the kitchen of the house where I was living in Jonestown, Mississippi. One of the nuns I was living with, Sister Mary, was kneading bread. As I was watching her, she looked over at me all of the sudden and said, "It's quite erotic, isn't it?" I said "yes", and went for a bike ride.

Then, there was the moment I got my ears pierced when I was 22 and my girlfriend helped me pick out hoop earrings and showed me how to wear them.

MOMENTS

There are many other moments. The moments come if we do not force them. If we let life be. Sometimes we go through a long wilderness spell where we cannot remember much of anything. Occasionally there are moments when the pain is so powerful that it is also imprinted in our memory. There are moments when we are told that we did not make the team, did not make the grade, were not a fit, were not a match, that it's not going to work out, our services were no longer needed. These painful moments are often our best opportunities to break free, start anew and be ourselves just a little bit more.

Joyous or painful, whatever life's circumstances, our moments have meaning. As a Theist, my moments are times when I feel God has broken through my barriers. Depending on one's spirituality, the assignment of meaning to one's moments is up to the one who experiences them.

One of the biggest barriers to recognizing our moments seems to be worry. Worry takes us out of the moment. We may think that worry is a feeling, but really worry is just a tactic of avoidance. Worry is how we avoid our deepest, truest feelings. Worry is how we avoid opening our hearts. Worry helps us avoid knowing ourselves. Worry helps us avoid knowing others; and worry helps us avoid developing a spirituality.

Rather than worry, why not pray? Or play? Or meditate? Or bake bread? Or go to a GLOSS game night? Or write something for Gaydar? Or catch a film at the 19th Street Theatre? Or work for GLBT political rights? Or attend live theater, live music or check out the live drama at the neighbor's? Or have a meal at some local gay-friendly pub? The moments will be there. Somewhere.

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In memory of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson. From the makeshift offices of King Oliver.

By world renowned music critics & drug connoisseurs:
Max Gash & Barney Baggett

5:15 AM - Hoboken.
I've been paid to do a job. A dirty job. With an even dirtier payoff. When Barney and Max proposed to feed me all of the peanut butter I could eat in exchange for writing a music review my only concern was what kind of peanut butter they would be feeding me. Choosy dogs choose JIF. But I digress.

Max, Barney and I landed in this hollow motel room after a grotesque theatricade triggered by their swollen pre-pubescent notions of attaining an imaginary holy grail of artistic expression through hiring their dog to write the perfect music review. FOOLS!

After stealing a bakery truck in Bethlehem, robbing a RadioShack (batteries and headphones for the boombox), burning into New Jersey bumped beyond belief, and smoking a blunt with a prostitute named Violet next to the bagels, I'm beginning to believe their intentions aren't so pure.

"LOVE. ANGEL. MUSIC. BABY.! The new Gwen Stefani solo album! Barney, what are your thoughts?!" "Max, do you remember when Stefani was just a girl? Well, now I think she's just an industry whore. I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for the joie di vive of her earlier efforts, but this new supersleek hodgepodge of pop genres just doesn't fit her. She's too damn skinny for one thing. She sold her rock n' roll soul to the devil with nothin' to show for it but sunken eyes and bony hips, no doubt about it. Do you wanna hit of this Max?" "Absolutely. Thank you. On the first go around, this album seemed like the Ms. Pac-Man soundtrack for a new genereation, just not nearly as dynamic. Listening to it again, I'm kinda likin' it. There are a handful of heavyweights collaborating with Ms. Stefani, on L.A.M.B. (Andre 3000, The Neptunes, Eve, New Order, Wendy & Lisa, Dr. Dre (West Side!)), making this an all around fun record to listen to. It makes for some different sounding music for the clubs, and I support that. The sounds she chooses to employ range from early hip-hop, stomp-rock anthems, house, and the eighties pop-music scene in general. I think the album is lacking in that musically and lyrically it doesn't seem to have much of a spine. It's sorta all over the place. I believe that Ms. Stefani herself has something to learn from Peaches' debut solo album THE TEACHES OF PEACHES." "Max, you know when you first learned how to masturbate?" "Barney I don't think this is at all appropriate conversation what with Ms. Violet being here." "Well, Violet masturbates, don't you Violet?" Violet begins masturbating. "See Max. Peaches is like that. Before your very first time, you'd heard about it, joked about it, - but when you finally experienced it- you understood everything. You realize that no one can love you like you love yourself. Peaches is the personification of this ideal. Her raw, butt-pounding beats are like the noises produced from a particularly naughty session of bumping uglies. It sounds so dirty but it feels soo good." Max reaches for the peanut butter. "I believe you've got something there my MilkBrother! Her music is so simple, but you don't have to be clever when you know what you want and aren't afraid to say it or spray it. Peaches says "Lickee Lickee Suckee, nobody here can tell me they don't want to Fuckee Fuckee." It is so elementary my dear Watson, that it is brilliant! In the tradition of John Waters, Peaches reminds us that not only is it okay to be raunchy and impolite, it's absolutely fabulous! And in the words of El Producto, she speaks with "a veteran sense and unrefinement". Raw, vital, juicy, and did I mention hilarious? I give this album four boners up!" "Are we using a rating system Max?" "Um...No. I just think, that if I had four penis's...peni..they would, y'know...be erect for this album. That's all." Barney begins to lick peanut butter.

"Barney! What are you doing to that boombox?!" Barney sits atop the black stereo they brought along for easy listening , balancing and posing with peanut butter stuckto the sides of his mouth. "Look, Max, my friend. I'm on the radio!" The two of them collapse into a girlish, weed-driven fit of giggles soon joined by Violet who has no idea what the pair are laughing at. "Indeed you are Barney! Your valiant and desperate attempts to bring humor and light to our depraved existence has provided for a perfect segue into discussing Donna Summers' classic album ON THE RADIO : GREATEST HITS VOLUMES I & II! Do you have anything to chew on, like a stick of gum?" "Eat my boot Slave!" Violet screams, hurling a knee-high leather stiletto at Max's crotch. "Good form, Violet! And good form Donna! The production on this classic is tight, smooth, and a little wet. The scope is especially magnificent! How many female vocalists have the moxy to groan orgasmically to the accompaniment of a full orchestra? And once you embrace all the cheesy horn solos it's quite liberating. For serious, it's the kind of music that makes you wanna jump out of the closet regardless of your sexual orientation." Max laughs and removes the black heel from in between his molars, "Yeah! Like that one time in Miami with Ramon and Chris! Good times, good times! Speaking of wardrobe, what's up with Ms. Summer's dress on the cover of this album? Are those flowers or featherdusters? Cover-couture aside I think this album is pretty slammin'.

> **"It's the kind of music that makes you wanna jump out of the closet regardless of your sexual orientation."**

All of these songs were produced in the late 70's and I myself did not come into the human scene until the year 1981, and I'm feeling kinda bummed that I missed the whole disco thing. While disco may be dead, Ms. Summer proclaims "Our love will last forever!" in Our Love, and the spirit of this album is as alive as it ever was. I find there's a true level of sophistication and glamour that thrived in the pop-music world during the time these songs were written that is tragically lost with the modern day mainstream of radio-sleaze. It's important we remember and recognize the classier divas of yesteryear, and celebrate them as well! Because no matter how many facelifts they may be able to afford, they're not coming back. Am I right or am I right?!"

"Barney, how shall we wrap this up?" "Try saran-wrap this time. Just make sure it's really tight, I wanna see those biscuits bounce. Now, Max before this you hadn't heard of The Killers, is that correct?" "Yes." "Well, I own their album, Hot Fuss." "Why?" "Because Max, they create an intimate, ultimately positive musical experience." "Well now, that is something worth noting. Is this enough saran-wrap?" Barney nods and disappears into the bathroom to fetch the blow-dryer. "Excellent! Well, I can say that The Killer's Hot Fuss definitely surprised me. My narrow and stubborn mind assumed we were in for another lame emo-rock listening session (See first issue of GAYDAR : Interpol's ANTICS), but these kids definitely got some pep to em' non? This album is pop-rock and it rolls from explosive gospel Poguesque drinking songs to synthed-out

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atmospheric love ballads. They actually seem enthusiastic and happy to be alive with plenty of hooting and hollering throughout the songlist. And gosh, that's just really refreshing to hear from yet another group of white guys reaching for that whole uber-hip, bright-lights, big-city rock scene that seems popular amongst the kids these days. I really like the vocals on this album. They are reminiscent of Tears For Fears, The Smiths, and The Cure. Whooo! Turn that dryer down to low Barney, you make me make a hot fuss!" Once again, they lapse into a fury of shallow and labored laughter as Violet prepares herself for another round of Hide the Baguette, and for an instant I almost see these two buffoons, these sick codependent sideshow specimens of humanity become self-aware, but right at that instant a knock is heard on our motel room door. "Room Service!" They shout simultaneously, eager to move on to "what's next". Barney slides up next to the crack in the door and very calmly tells the motel employee to go ahead and leave the jars of peanut butter and bottles of cheap champagne by the door. "I hope you're ready for some breakfast, Oliver!" Max cackles and drool flies from his spastic mouth. It's going to be a sticky morning.

10 SONGS STRAIGHT PEOPLE THINK WE LIKE

1. *It's Raining Men* by the Weather Girls
2. *Big Balls* by AC/DC
3. *YMCA* by The Village People
4. *The Harder They Come* by Jimmy Cliff
5. *Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy* by Bigg & Rich
6. *You Gotta Lick It Before You Stick It* by20 Fingers
7. *Let's Hear It For The Boy* by Denise Williams
8. *I'm Coming Out* by Diana Ross
9. *Whip It!* by Devo
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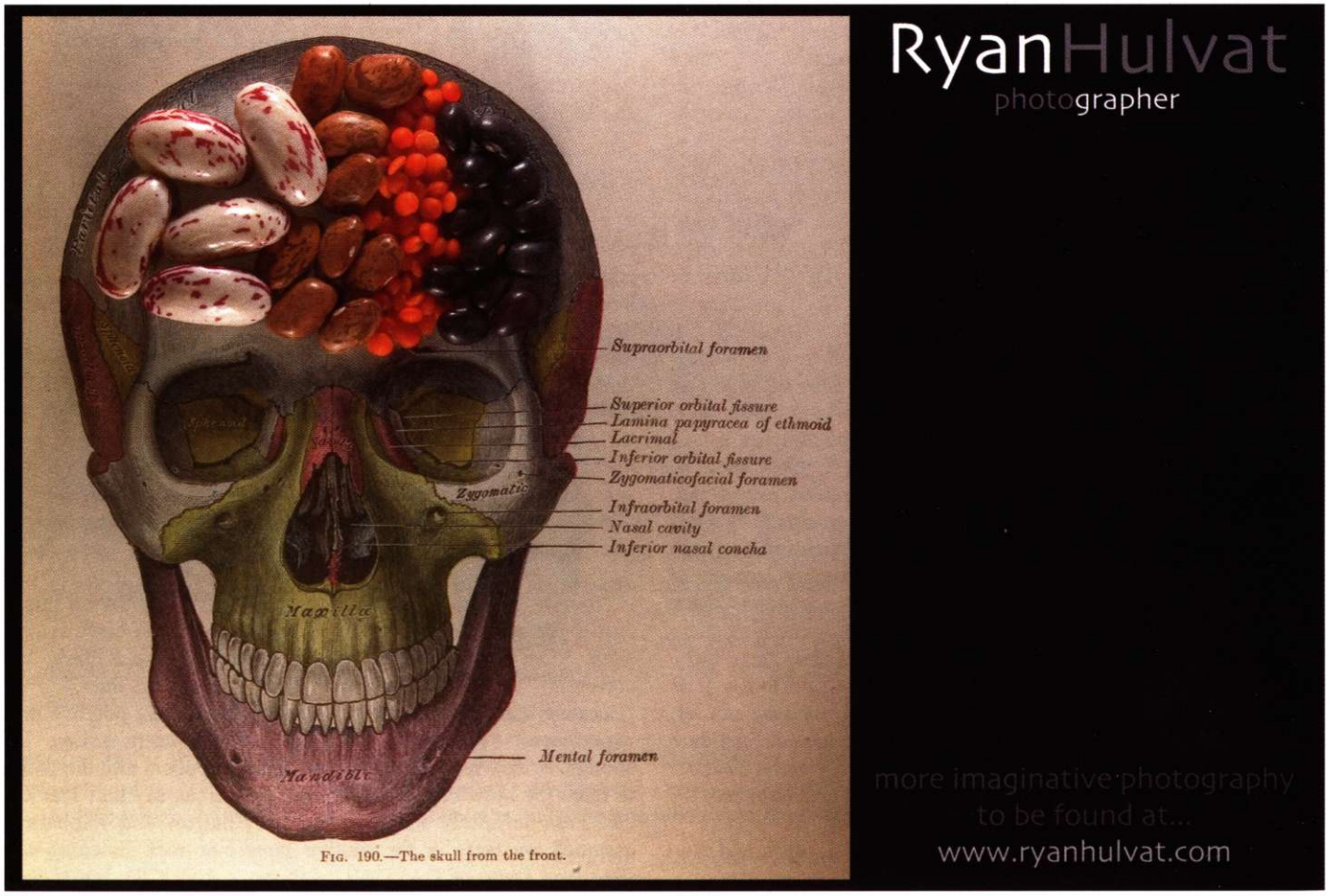


Quarterly Psychosis

By: Nick Evans

The author with some friend(s), or not.

Something incredible (as in the bad "unbelievable", not the good "I never would have expected this!") happened to me between the publication of the last issue of Gaydar and the printing of this current issue, and I'd like to recount it exactly as it happened, moment by moment, for you, our readers. I promise to leave out insignificant details that merely distract you.

For safety reasons, I cannot divulge the precise date of the incident at hand. If those present happen to see their names in a publication that reaches the amount of people that this one does, I may not live to tell you about many more of my problems. As I know that not a single person exists who would want that to happen (except, possibly, for the antagonist(s) of this story), I will trust my own judgment in this matter.

We (two, three, maybe ten of us) were walking down a street, possibly an avenue but NOT a boulevard, of what may be a local city, town, or borough (the metropolis' exact identification, however, does not hold much importance as far as the story's development goes). The weather behaved quite normally for the time of year. I am not saying that it was snowing, nor that the wind was frigid (or even existent for that matter). Let me just say that none of us was witness either to the second coming of Noah's grand vessel of salvation or to the dramatic consequences of "global warming."

As a group, we decided to discuss sitting down and eating the meal appropriate for the time of day at which said incident occurred. In a slow but rather quick manner, someone (or all of us) picked a local moderately-priced pizza/sub/seafood/vegetarian restaurant/café. Having placed our orders (at a counter or at the table, I should not say, so as not to implicate the owners of an easily-identifiable establishment in this occurrence), we began to discuss one of the following three topics: a) the recent political events of a random and currently non-communist country, b) the expected wardrobe of B-list entertainers who would not be invited to a certain show during the 2005 awards season, or c) the causes and/or effects that globalization is having on the green-tailed ferret. It was a thrilling conversation for all involved.

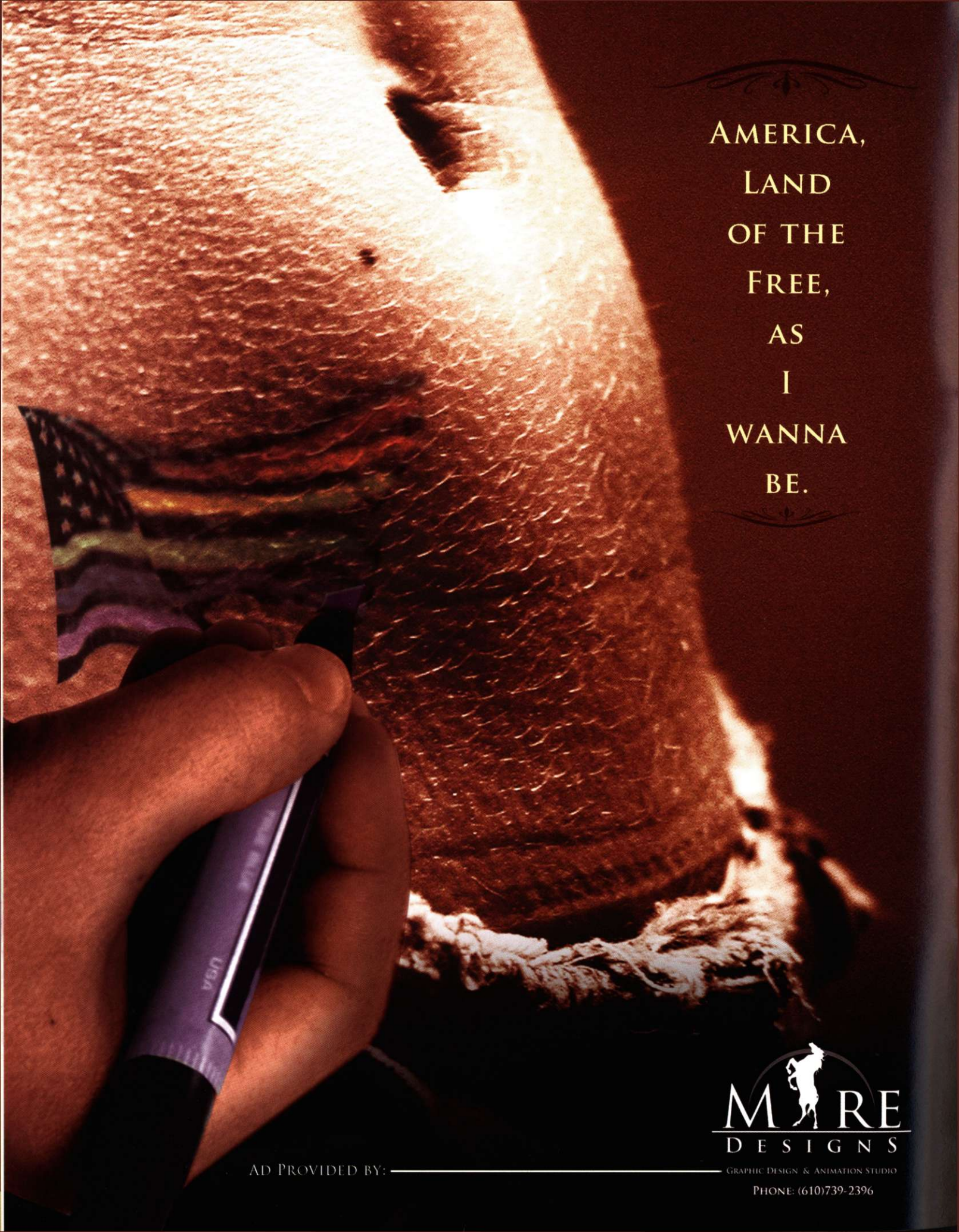
After eating and discussing, discussing and eating, one or more of us paid the bill. We then all exited in single file back to the vehicular passageway that lay outside. At that time, one of us did something that must not be mentioned, for its peculiar specificity would surely uncover the day's events to the participants and end in my demise. This unspeakable act had an unthinkable effect on one or more of those in the doer's presence. Such was this effect that it caused s/h/em (whether male of female, singular or plural, I should not say) to do something highly out of character. That act, in turn, sparked a curiosity in the being that provoked it; this curiosity, however, was not displayed as such.

What was said and who may have been injured (or not) remains information privy to those who were there. I can tell those who read this, however, that insults raced from mouths, insults so unwarranted that, with my high morals, I cannot reproduce them here. What I will say is that they either combined animal-like qualities with the daily habits of one of us, or they likened one's parental units to a slimy green substance commonly found dripping from a sickly baby's nostrils. Either way, they managed to humiliate and degrade there intended target.

I did not wish to remain there. Therefore, I did one of the following things: I may have acted like nothing had happened and said my farewells; I simply may have walked away and left the other(s) to their argument/friendly discussion; it is possible that I defended my friends in an honorable fashion before excusing myself quite dramatically; finally, some may think that I began to cry in an unsightly, childlike manner out of fear that I'd be the next recipient of the hateful language.

In any case, the complete denouement of the day's proceedings still remains a mystery to me. So I must ask anyone out there with ANY information whatsoever to write me at contributors@gaydarmagazine.com, ATTN: Nick Evans, and let me know if my friend(s) or acquaintance(s) all made it home in one solid piece. Thank you!!

Monet's rendering of the events.



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Pride

Written by Activist: Kevin A. Barry

Kevelations—(n.)—truisms about life, faith and love as perceived through the eyes of Kevin A. Barry.

Kevelations are learned through personal experience and written for the enjoyment of all. They are written after much introspection has occurred and are based on real-life experiences of the author. Enjoy!

Wow, it's Pride season again. I was sitting at charity fundraiser the other day talking to a woman and a man recently about what life was like during each of our different generations. We discussed the Stonewall riots, the HIV epidemic of the 1980s, and various ways in which each of us has faced and fought discrimination over the years. The more we chatted, the more we realized that among the generations there is a common theme that grows stronger as the years go on. This common trait is Pride.

Every spring we celebrate Gay Pride, but all too often forget what it means. It isn't just an excuse to hold a bunch of fabulous parties throughout the world or to throw another big block party where we can see and be seen. It is both of these things yet at the same time it is more.

Pride is a season for us to celebrate who we are – our similarities, our differences, our community, and our fetishes. More importantly, Pride is a season to celebrate those who have come before us to make all this possible.

When I celebrate Pride, I am celebrating a part of who I am. I am celebrating the fact that I am able to live my life openly as an out gay man. I am celebrating the lives of all those who came before me. I am celebrating Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin Lahusen, two of the earliest pioneers of the gay rights movement whose steadfast dedication to love and social justice is at the heart of the Pride season. I am celebrating Roslyn Regelson, America's first gay studies instructor.

However, I also think of Judy Shepard, who fights to end discrimination against gays and lesbians after her son was murdered in 1998. I think of Gwen Araujo, a MTF transgendered person who was murdered in 2002 at party in California when her biological nature was revealed to be male. I think of Pedro Zamora from MTV's The Real World who used his celebrity status to give a new generation a face to associate with HIV/AIDS as we watched him deal with his illness.

As you celebrate Pride this year, spend time thinking about those who have come before us and remember those whose past sacrifices opened the door for us to be able to live openly. Pride is about getting in touch with who we are individually and celebrating it collectively. So take a moment. Get together with friends. Enjoy the present and toast the past as we celebrate the future with Pride.

Happy Pride everyone!

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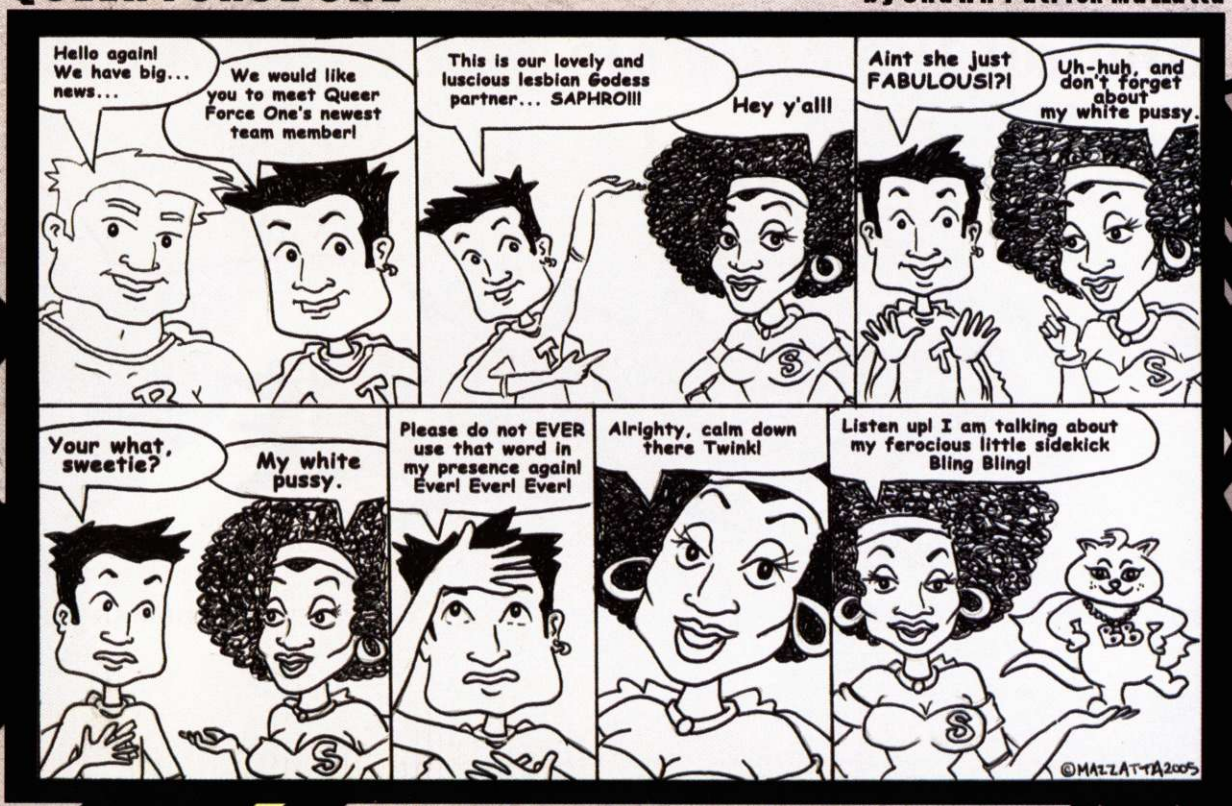

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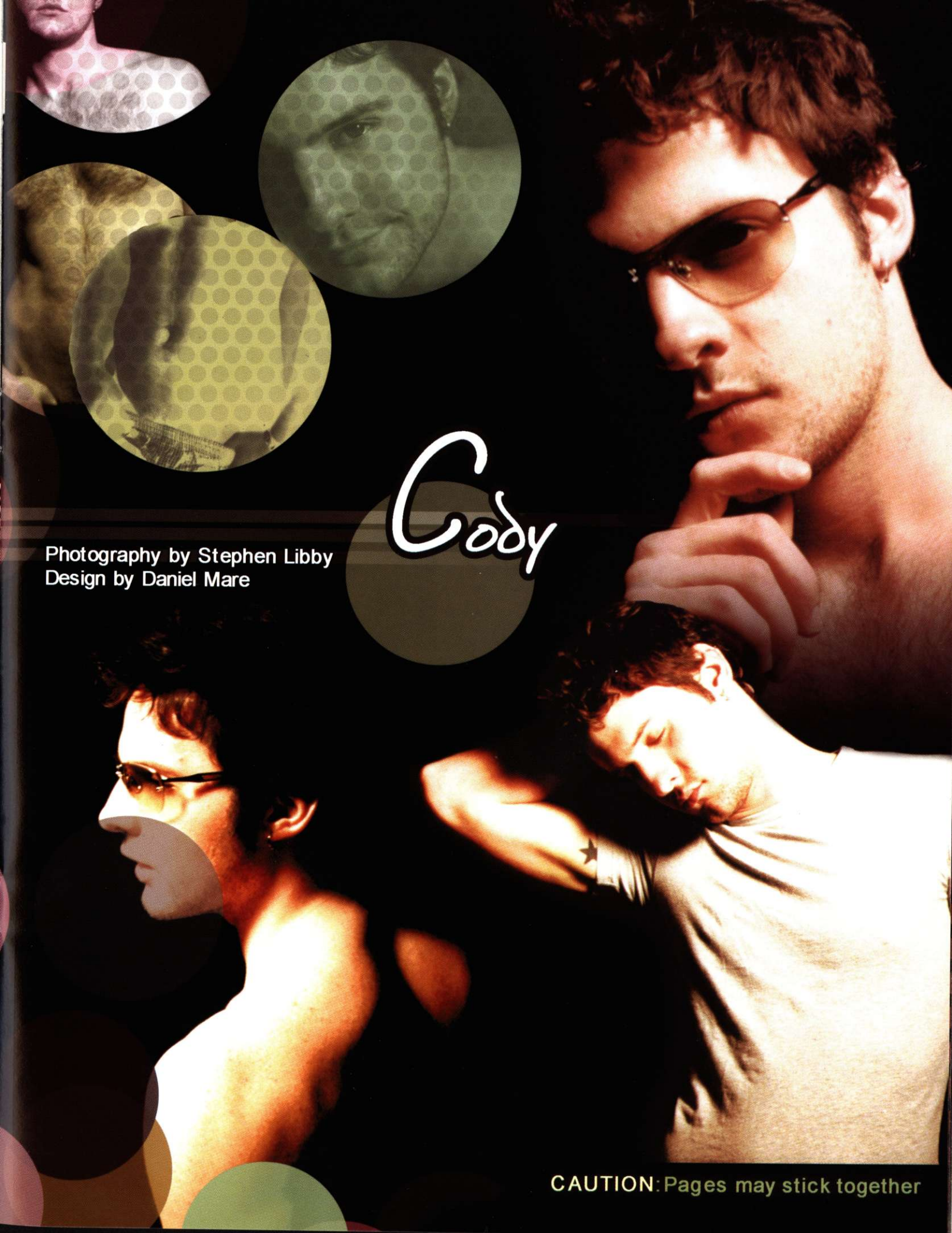
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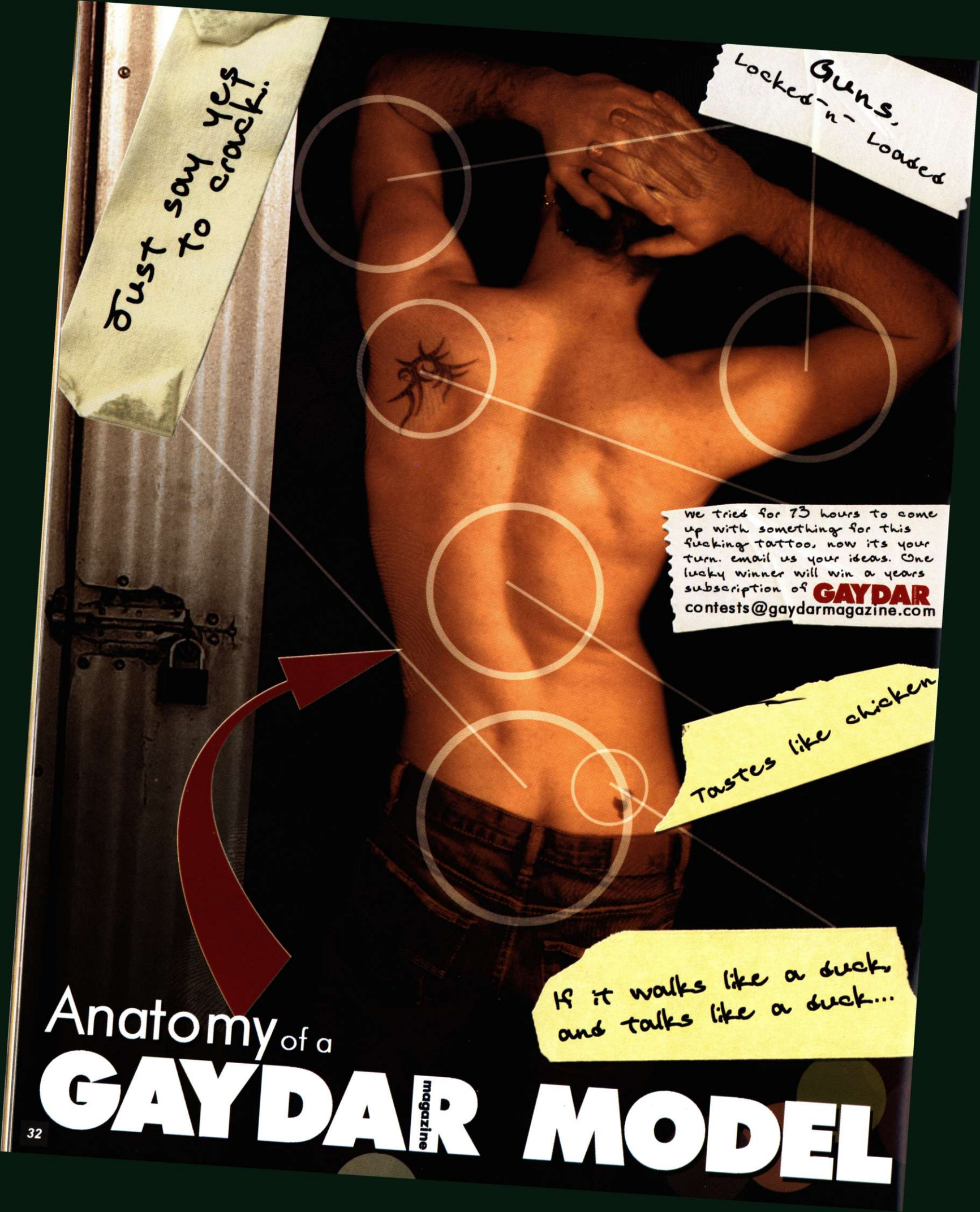

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Skid Marks

by Auto-Phile, Andy Cook

WHAT MESSAGE DOES YOUR CAR SEND?

What makes a car a gay or lesbian car? We're talking more than the stereotypical lesbian pick-up truck and gay BMW 3-series, although, truth be known, stereotypes have to begin somewhere, right? A few years ago, National Public Radio's popular show Car Talk did a survey on their website to find the top gay and lesbian cars and posted a list of the Top 10 for each.

True to form, the lesbian list was chock full of pick-up trucks and Subarus, and for the men, it was about looking fabulous, with six of the 10 winners voted on being convertibles.

After doing some research on this topic, I've found that there is no consistent research to support the notion that there are distinctively gay or lesbian cars, or that car makers are designing and building them. What we do see is marketing targeted at the GLBT community, and through specific 'affinity' programs. Subaru has been doing it for years. Who remembers their print ads with the Outback's license plate saying "XENA LVR"? Let's face it: the ultimate factor in what we buy is the money we have to spend! Many gays and lesbians have a higher discretionary income to afford snappy, stylish wheels over their straight counterparts.

Plus, many gays and lesbians are all about expressing themselves through their accomplishments and belongings. Why not get that convertible if you need some good ol' fashioned validation? Car buying is just one side-step away from shopping, and we all know who excels in that category.

Now, it's been a few years since that survey was done, and I would like to make a few modifications to the list, as the original list was clearly missing some essential cars, if you ask me. Cue the drum roll, please...

MEN

5. Audi A4 – very chic, great German styling
4. Volkswagen Cabrio – no explanation necessary!
3. Mazda Miata – again, a favorite of straight women and gay men everywhere
2. Mini Cooper S – too impractical for any straight person!
1. BMW 3-Series – by far and away, I know more gay men with 3-series than any other car, and this includes sedans, coupes, wagons, and even the new X3 (SUV)!

Honorable mention:
Chrysler PT Cruiser, Honda Civic EX Coupe

WOMEN

5. Any late model pickup truck – way too practical for gay men.
4. Nissan Pathfinder – practical and rugged, like a true outdoors-woman
3. Jeep Wrangler – a favorite of the boys, but somehow the women come across as being a bit more butch when they're driving one of these.
2. Subaru Forester – How many cars have Martina Navratilova as a spokesperson?
1. Subaru Outback – practical, stylish, and all wheel drive!

Honorable mention:
Chevy Avalanche (truck)

I think the main things cars have to do are 1) be reliable, and 2) meet your needs. Do you have to carry lots of lesbians to an Indigo Girls concert? Do the boys need to go clubbing in NYC? Find the car (or truck, ladies) that does what you need for the majority of the time. Remember, if you need a convertible for that weekend trip to P-town, you can always rent one! And, if you want to eliminate any doubt as to the 'type' of person you are, there's nothing like a subtle rainbow sticker or Human Rights Campaign "equal sign" to get your message across. Then, see who you get a honk from as you're out cruising around tomorrow! Show your support and pride in ways that you can feel good about.

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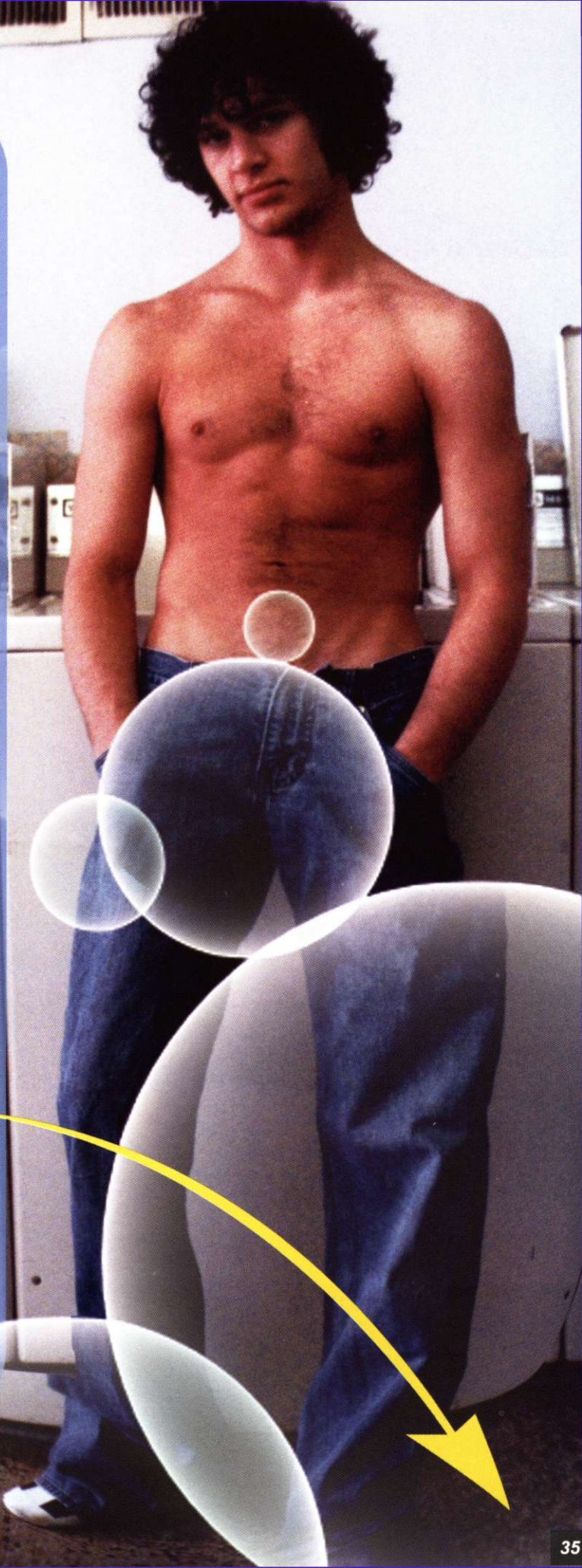

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1. Can I help you with that load?

Tanya's Pet Tips
by Tanya Berkosky CVN

Spring is near and so are some issues that can be a concern for you and your pet.

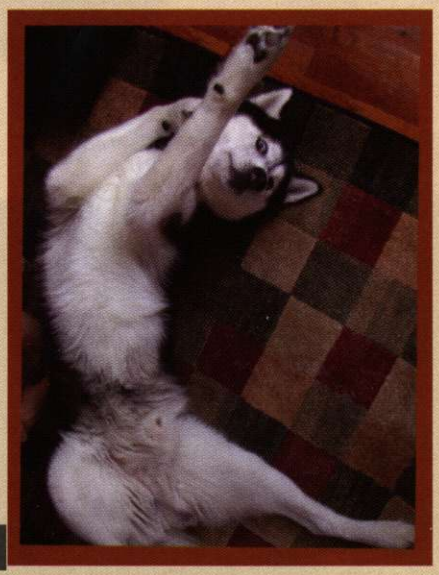
1. Easter baskets are a great gift for your loved ones. If you dare to put plastic grass in the basket not only is it tacky but harmful to your pets. The plastic grass if eaten by your pet can get tangled into the intestines and cause a major problem. So if you see some hanging out of your pets butt, please do not attempt to pull. Call your veterinarian.

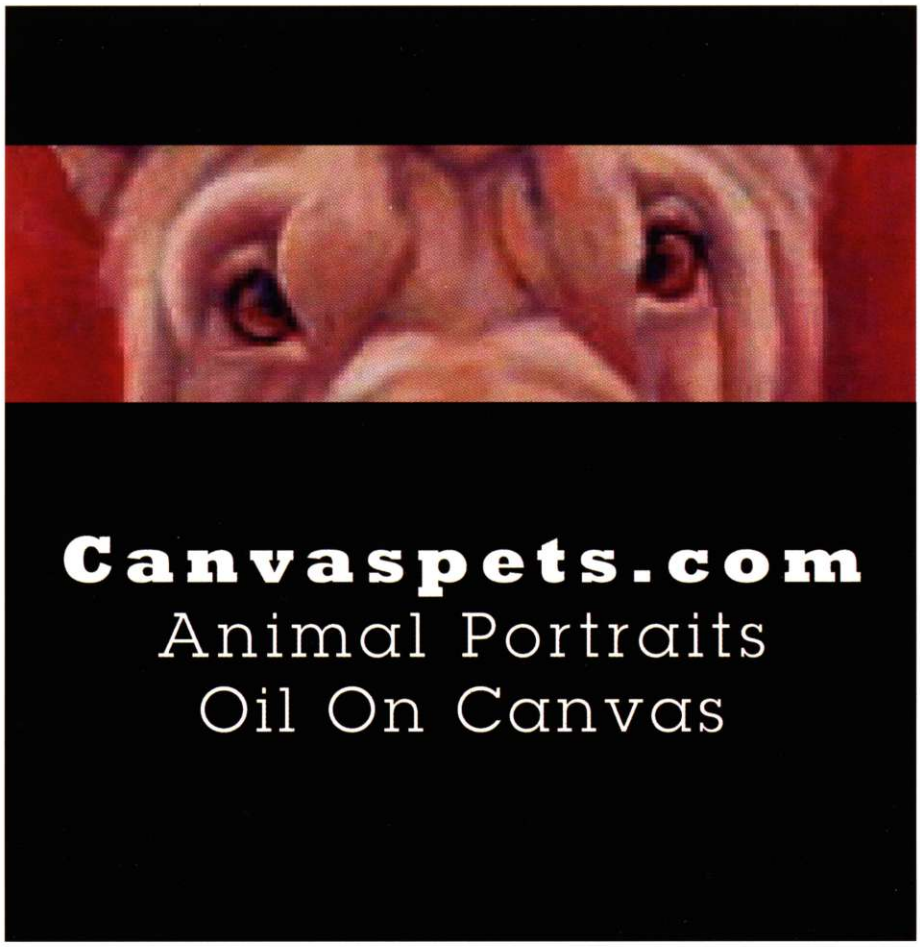
2. We all love lilies. They are beautiful flowers. The problem is that if Fluffy eats them she will get very, very sick. If your kitty does not get help within 48hrs, severe kidney damage will occur.

3. Pets love to look out windows and watch everything outside. If your windows are on the second floor or higher, check your screens. Some pets like to push on the screens at a bug or whatever. If they are not properly latched, Fluffy or Spot might end up skydiving to the street. Please check your screens.

4. When the months become warmer, the insects come out. Mosquitoes and ticks are harmful to our pets. Insects can transmit diseases. Don't worry; you can protect your pets by giving them a monthly heartworm and tick preventive pill from your veterinarian.

5. Spring is a busy time at the vet's office. Too many animals are getting hit by cars. I know Spot wants to play; he has been trapped inside all winter. Keep him in a fenced in area or on a leash. It only takes one second for a car to come by, and smash: poor Spot.





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Oscar Kvetching

If the Tony Awards are pure platinum for many queer guys and gals, the Oscars have been golden most of the time. But, for my money (the $8 I won in the Oscar pool), this past Oscar show was the dullest in memory. I'll admit it was efficient. But if you are going to save time by handing out awards in the audience or by having all the nominees appear onstage when their category is announced, why limit these moments to the short subject and technical awards? Just imagine the fabulousness of seeing, say, the five best actress nominees standing up on the stage as the winner was announced. "And the Oscar goes to. . .Hilary Swank!" What would the losers do, especially Annette Bening? Not only do you get suspense before the winner is announced, you get even more suspense after. But no, all we got to see were the losers for sound effects editing or costume design slink meekly into the shadows. Annette, Catalina, Imelda, and Kate would never do that.

My disappointment with the 2005 Academy Awards experience started with Chris Rock, who only occasionally delivered on the outrageousness promised by his much-hyped stint as host. His excuse for being so blah? He told reporters that his mother was in the audience, so he couldn't be too off-the-wall. So are we to believe that his mother has never, ever seen Rock perform before, and, therefore, would be shocked by more edgy material? I don't buy it. To be fair, Rock did get off some bitchy zingers. "And, now, the star of the eagerly-awaited Catwoman 2," he announced as a very pissed-off Halle Berry strode onstage to present the art direction award. Rock introduced Tim Robbins with a "When he's not dazzling us with his acting ability, he's boring us to death with his politics." Robbins, a cutie with a sense of humor, jogged onstage laughing. But Rock saved his most extended savaging for our Fearless Leader, imagining what would happen to a Gap employee's future job prospects if they had as sorry a record as Bush did in his first four years in office.

Remember the year Bette Midler took witty swipes at the nominated songs? Boy, did the Oscarcast need her this year. The nominees were the kind of songs that drag even good performers down with them. Case in point: Beyonce, a pop diva with talent, looked good but sounded lame singing three numbers, one in French, one with Josh Groban, and one accompanied at the piano by composer Andrew Lloyd Webber. The only good thing I can say about this category is that Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera atrocity did not win.

But enough kvetching. Was there anything of queer interest in the show? Well, we can eliminate the very heterosexual best picture nominees Sideways and Ray, as well as the straightened-up best picture nominees The Aviator (Howard Hughes and Katharine Hepburn were bisexual, but you'd never guess that here) and Finding Neverland (for more about the real James M. Barrie, visit your public library). That leaves us with Million Dollar Baby. So, was the Hilary Swank character a boxing dyke? Swank herself is a lesbian icon. OK, there's a father-daughter hero-worship thing going on between Swank's character and the Clint Eastwood character, but this just adds to the dyke potential of the film, as far as I'm concerned. On a less happy note, what happens to Swank's character at the end of the film also seems to be the fate of many gay and lesbian characters in mainstream films (I will refrain from saying what that is for those of you who haven't seen the film).
But while Million Dollar Baby won the big prize, there was a bigger and better queer film out there last year that should have won, but wasn't even nominated: Kinsey. So I can't get too excited over Baby's win.

And can we talk about Hilary Swank? I loved her performances—and thought she was sexy as all get out—in Boys Don't Cry and Million Dollar Baby, but that faux humble, "little girl from a trailer park" stuff is getting old, and she is seriously in danger of undermining her alluring butch androgyny if she oversells that basket of corn any more than she already has. But, for the moment, she and Kate Winslet are my dream Hollywood butch-femme couple. Won't someone please co-star them in something soon?

Speaking of lesbian icons, does anyone else think Edna Mole, the Edith Head-esque fashion designer, was the best character in the animated feature Oscar-winner, The Incredibles? She was also a delight presenting the costume design award with a game—and yummy—Pierce Brosnan.

Queer animated folks were also the subject of Robin Williams's funny riff on the sexuality of certain animated characters, inspired by a recent claim that SpongeBob SquarePants is promoting a homosexual lifestyle. Williams denied Mr. SquarePants could be gay. "SquarePants is not gay," Williams declared. "Tight Pants, maybe. Hot Pants-you go girl!" The comedian proceeded to queer Donald Duck ("Little sailor suit, no pants—hello!"), Chip and Dale ("Two male chipmunks sharing a trunk and coveting nuts.") and Bugs Bunny ("More dresses than J. Edgar Hoover at Mardi Gras.").

I—and the Oscar broadcast—saved the biggest queer icon for last. Babs (Streisand) was trotted out, with Dustin Hoffman, to present the best picture award. While Hoffman looked and acted distracted and vague, Babs charmingly kept things going, prompting Hoffman to read the list of nominees with a "You go, honey," or reaching behind him to retrieve the envelope with the winner's name, when Hoffman forgot to give it to her. Upon opening the envelope, however, Babs realized that she had forgotten to bring her glasses (or so she said), so Hoffman had to whisper the winner's name into her ear.

Perhaps the most telling moment at this year's Oscarcast, however, was when the camera panned over the directors of the nominated live action short subjects. One director, pretending to be asleep, was jostled awake by the woman sitting next to him. It was the perfect joke for this duller-than-ditchwater Oscar show—and one that was being repeated, in earnest, throughout the Kodak Theatre and in front of television sets around the world.

That's a Wrap!

Award-Winning Director & Co-Producer:
Tim Kirkman & Zeke Zelker

Fresh from Sundance, Co-Producer Zeke Zelker and Director Tim Kirkman (Dear Jesse) obliged us with a visit and information regarding their new collaboration, Loggerheads. And they took a few minutes to answer our 7 Qweeries.

Tim Says

Here is the synopsis:

Inspired by true events, Loggerheads concerns the triad of people involved in any adoption: birth mother, child, and adoptive parents. The three interwoven stories do not transpire concurrently, but in different years geographically correlative in North Carolina's division into mountains, Piedmont and coastal plain. In Asheville, Grace, an airport car-rental agent (Bonnie Hunt) throws in the towel on her job due to a gnawing dissatisfaction that's pushing her toward a long-delayed quest: facing the legal barriers that keep her from finding the son she gave up for adoption two decades before. Across the state in Kure Beach, Mark (Kip Pardue), an impecunious young man obsessed with loggerhead sea turtles, meets George, a friendly motel owner (Michael Kelly), who offers him a place to stay and learns that Mark is in flight from both his own HIV-positive body and his adoptive family. Over in Eden, N.C., meanwhile, a skittish housewife (Tess Harper) tries to work up the courage to confront her minister husband (Chris Sarandon) over their estrangement from their only son, who's gay.

I think the film will be interesting to gay people because it features an unusual storyline about gay men in rural areas. It's that whole red state/blue state thing. There are so many gay people in small towns around the country and we don't see enough of them. The gay love story in the movie takes place in a small, coastal town and deals with the complication of making the choice of the place to call your home not based on some gay cultural stereotype, but based on issues about the quality of life the characters want to have.

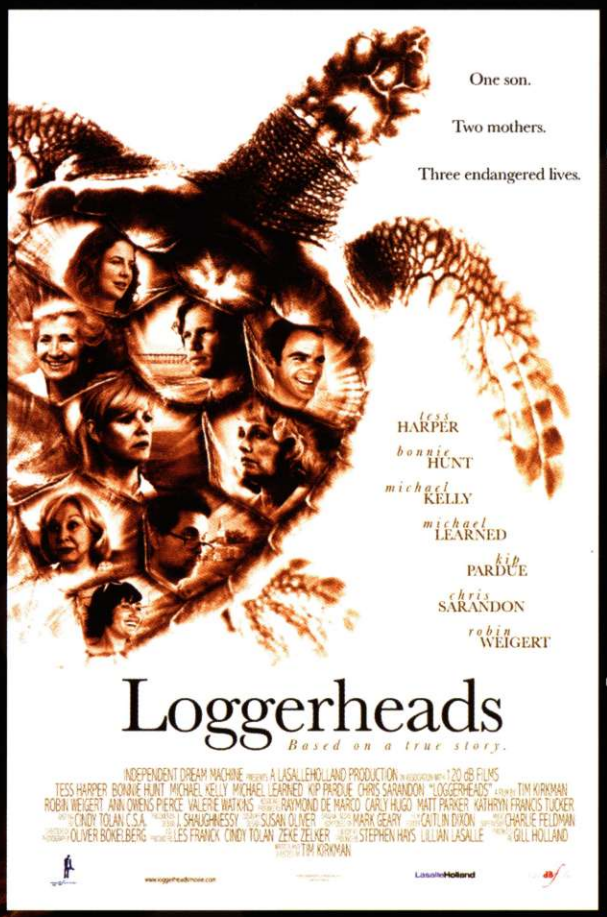
Zeke Says

Why would a rising producer in the independent film scene stay in the Lehigh Valley when L.A. and New York keep calling? Vision. His latest venture "Loggerheads" a Sundance favorite, written and directed by Tim Kirkman ("Dear Jesse"), will be coming to a theater near you very soon.

WARNING: What follows is some insight into the mind of Zeke. Proceed at your own risk.

The name of our company really defines us. Independent, because we are not funded by a major source, Dream because we believe in making our films a reality, and Machine because we are work horses. We seek out investors for each film we do. As we gain in our success it's getting easier, but it is still tough. That's the only thing I don't like about the business.

I believe in dreams. If you can visualize it and see how it can exist in the world, you can make it happen.



Coming soon to a theater near you

I work with a number of people, each person has their own specialty but we multi-task a lot. We can produce things much quicker than other companies for less money because we have a clear vision and we all work in making that vision a reality.

My dream as a kid was to own a big red popcorn cart and sell popcorn on the street corner. My dream now is to own and operate a movie studio based in the Lehigh Valley.

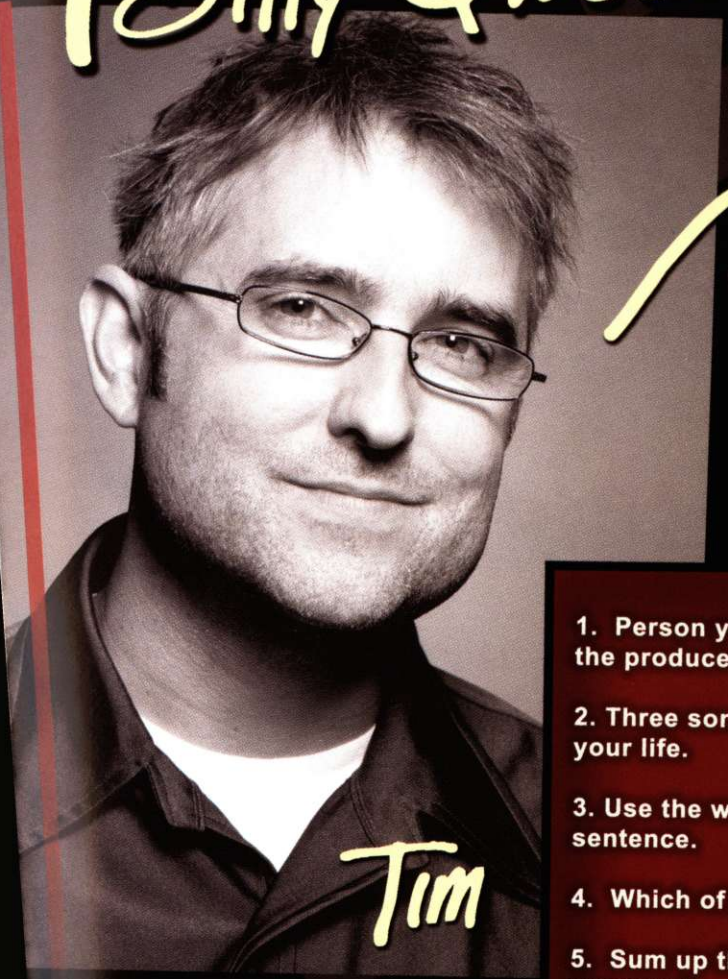
My family members are spirited entrepreneurs, but I think I am the only artist. My mom is a minister, my dad had his own construction/maintenance business, mom's older sister started one of the largest real estate companies in the area. My grandfather owned and operated a kiddy land at the airport, he was an amazing visionary and family man, and my great grandfather started Dorney Park.

My mom can tell you some funny stories. I was always dressed as something; a cowboy, police man, carpenter…the Village People, all rolled into one.

When I was four or five my mother used to take me shopping for my sister. She would have me trying on my sister's dresses in department stores because at the time we were the same size. And I ended up straight. I do get pegged for gay a lot. More than some of my gay friends.

All photos courtesy of Tim Kirkman and Zeke Zelker.

7 Silly Qweeries



1. Person you wouldn't mind having on the producer/director's couch.

2. Three songs from the soundtrack of your life.

3. Use the word "loggerhead" in a sentence.

4. Which of you is gayer and why?

5. Sum up the Sundance experience in one word.

6. Biggest guilty pleasure.

7. Will Martin Scorcese ever win an academy award?

1.Jeff Probst (host of SURVIVOR)

2."Carolina in my Mind" by James Taylor
"Trouble" by Shawn Colvin
"Cigarettes and Chocolate Milk" by Rufus Wainwright

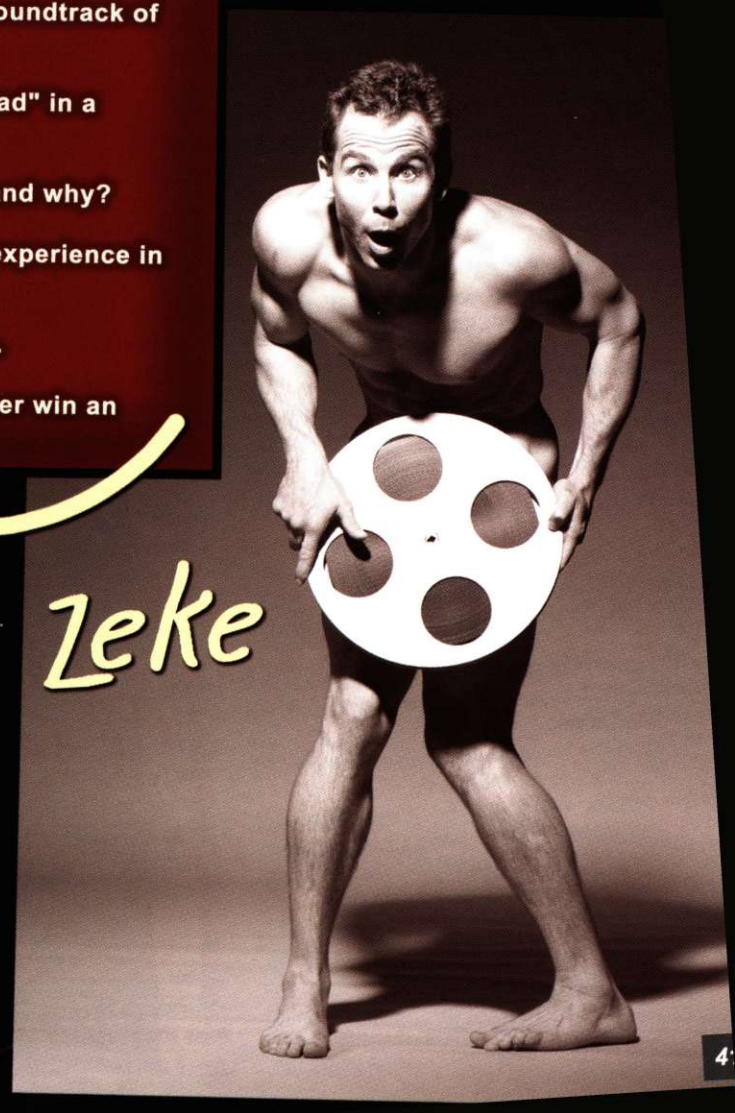
3.I've been told that I give great loggerhead.

4.Zeke is WAY gayer than I am. Look at him: great taste in food, fashion and furniture, and an impeccable flair in eyewear.

5.Exhausting.

6.I have no guilt about experiencing any pleasure, especially the big kind.

7.No. The Academy is afraid if they give Scorcese the Oscar, he'll stop makingmovies. (Hey! Maybe that's why Costner and Gibson got them on their first films as directors!)



1. Ashley Judd

2. "Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong
"Every Breath You Take" by Sting
"Push" by PoppyCockBabble

3. Find me a home where the loggerheads roam.

4. Tim. From across the room maybe me, because I dress well. But if you spend anytime with either one of us you would know which one of us is gay.

5. Exhausting.

6. Tobacco.

7. Yes, a lifetime achievement award.

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Saturday, April 15, 7:30 to 9 pm
Reginald L. Hall, author of Smoking Cigarettes (Writers and Poets, $ pb original). A novel about a gay relationship between two African Americans that turns sour. Publicity: Monique Ford: 215/519-7128.

Saturday, April 23, 7:30 to 9 pm
Tony Ginyard, author of Beneath the Surface (Iceni Books, $19.95 pb). Andre Devaux has a secret. Just as he reveals that he is gay to his African American family, a disturbing chain of events unfolds. As sins of the past collide with hopes and dreams of the future, Andre must sift through the lies and deceit to get to the truth--or die trying.
Publicity: Tony Ginyard: 267/679-6729; gtone5@msn.com

Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 to 7 pm
Brent Hartinger and Michael Jensen, will read from their new books, Hartinger's The Order of the Poisoned Oak (HarperCollins, $15.99 hb) and Jensen's Firelands (Alyson, $14.95 pb).Publicity: Brent Hartinger: 253/272-8425.

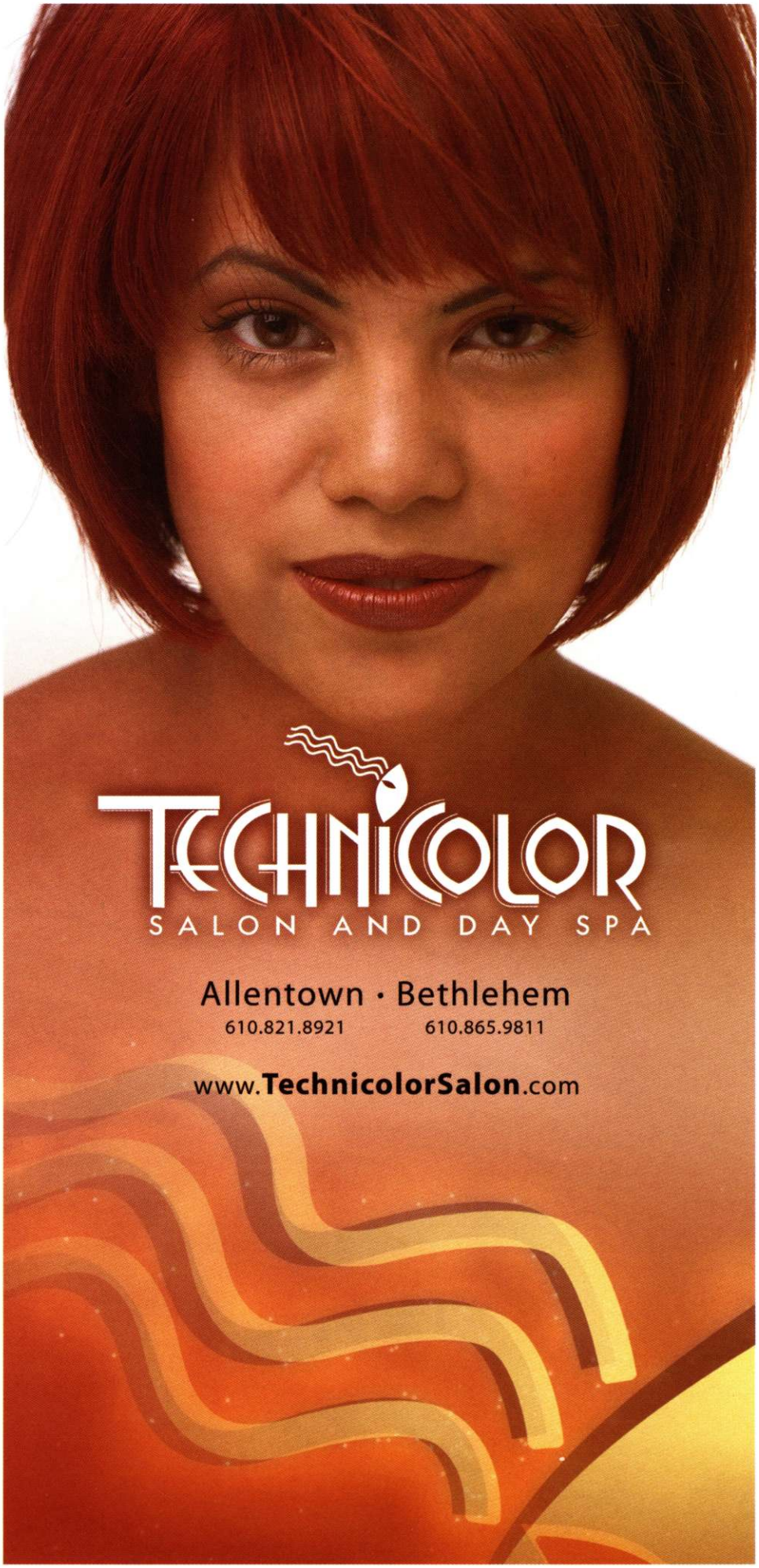
Tentatively Friday, May 13, 7:30 to 9 pm
Helen Humphreys author of Wild Dogs (Norton, $22.95 hb).
Publicity: Winfrida Mbewe: 212/790-4325

Tuesday, May 31, 5:30 to 7 pm
Jay Quinn, author of the new novel Back Where He Started (Alyson, $24.95 hb, less 10%). They say true freedom arrives when all the kids are gone and the dog dies. With his family grown and his husband, Zack, having decided to become a middleaged cliché and marry his secretary, Chris Thayer is about to discover that starting life over at 48 is just as complicated, frustrating, and thrilling as the first time around. After relocating to the North Carolina beach community of Emerald Isle, Chris becomes involved in the patchwork lives of his neighbors, including the easygoing local doctor. When Zack's son, Schooner, moves in with him, Chris learns the often difficult but endlessly rewarding lessons of establishing a relationship with a 20something. In the same quiet, understated manner that he demonstrated in his critically acclaimed first novel, Metes and Bounds, Jay Quinn gives the traditional Southern novel a decidedly untraditional twist. Publicity: Dan Cullinane, 323/860-6045, dcullina@alyson.com.

TENTATIVE!!! Wednesday, June 1, 5:30 to 7 pm
James Earl Hardy, author of A House Is Not a Home: A B-Boy Blues Novel (HarperCollins, $22.95 hb). Publicity: Gilda Squire: 212/207-7058.

Tentative-------Thursday, June 9, 5:30 to 7
Richard McCann, author of Mother of Sorrows (Pantheon, $20 hb).
Publicity: Katie Freeman: 212/572-2685.

Thursday, July 7, 5:30 to 7 pm
Martin Moran, author of The Tricky Part: One Boy's Fall from Trespass into Grace (Beacon, $23.95 hb). The book is Moran's account of untangling and making sense of the sexual affair he had with a church camp counsellor from ages 12 to 15. Moran is an actor who performed his one man play, also called The Tricky Part, Off Broadway last spring. He continues to perform the play in cities across the country
Publicity: Pam MacColl, 617/948-6582, PMacColl@beacon.org.



Say Ahhhh!!

Health Update by: Dave Moyer

(lymphogranuloma venereum)

New York City has confirmed in laboratory tests a rare sexually transmitted disease in two men. These cases are among the first reported in the United States and currently match a strain of the diseae that just began to surface in Europe in the past few years.

The disease known as lymphogranuloma venereum or LGV is a rare form of chlamydia which can cause acute illness, and can fuel the spread of HIV through open sores. A large portion of those infected both here and in Europe have been gay men who engage in anal intercourse.

The two cases that have been reported in New York do not appear to be related according to health officials.

Health official have been instructed to be on the lookout for signs of the disease. Symptoms may include painful bloody rectral infection, genital ulcers and the draining of the lymph nodes in the groin area. Lab tests need to be done to confirm the infection.

The incubation or window period for detection can take up to six months, although during this time an infected person may not have sypmtons BUT can still pass on the disease to others.

Officials have stated that the disease is treatable, and that using protection such as condoms during sex can reduce the risk of transmission. Once the disease is diagnosed, treatment is effective with a three week course of antibiotics.

Thomas R. Frieden, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, reports that LGV is a serious condition and its presence in New York City reflects continuing high levels of unsafe sexual activity among men who have sex with men. It is extremely critical for gay and bisexual men to lower their risky sexual behavior and engage in safer sex, including limiting the number of sex partners and using protection (condoms) each and every time they have sex. These changes in behavior can greatly reduce the spread of this illness and HIV.

In the past four years the number of new syphilis cases in New York City has been slowly increasing with gay men. Only 45 percent of gay men reported using condoms in 2003 according to the Health Department.

There have been three cases of LGV reported in San Francisco, California and one case in Atlanta, Georgia. An alert has gone out to physicians warning them to be on the look out for the disease,with officials working very closely with leaders in the gay community to better inform the public.

If you feel that you may have been exposed to this disease or may be exhibiting signs or symptoms it is imperative that you seek treatment, either through your family physician or call your local Health Department. In the Lehigh Valley area you can contact the Allentown Health Bureau at 610-437-7569 or the Bethlehem Health Bureau at 610-865-7083.

The Power of Participation

by Out & Proud Activist: Donna Cruciani

If anyone had told me 10 years ago that I would become a local activist for gay rights, I would have laughed in their face. Little did I know. Let's get serious for just a moment.

More than 7 years ago I began to realize just how unfair GLBT people are treated. I am 46 years old and my life-partner is 53. We are both deeply concerned about equal rights to protect our future and yours. Since this unequal treatment involves me and my partner, our family, our friends, and all of our futures, I became increasingly disturbed. I made a decision to talk about my concerns, to ask questions, to join local GLBT organizations, and to see what I could do to help.

Here is a brief overview of areas of concern:

- **Protecting LGBT Families**

Same-sex couples are denied over 1,000 benefits, rights, and protections that federal law affords to married, heterosexual couples, as well as hundreds of such protections at the state level.

- **Marriage**

The national debate about whether or not same-sex couples should be allowed to receive a marriage license has elevated after recent events in Massachusetts opening the door to same-sex marriage and the Supreme Court declaration of sodomy laws as unconstitutional.

- **Workplace Discrimination**

Gay, lesbian, and bisexual employees can be fired on the basis of their sexual orientation in 36 states. Transgender employees can be fired on the basis of their gender identity and expression in 46 states. Domestic\ partner benefits, pension, and family medical leave are among other issues affecting gays in the workplace.

- **Immigration**

Current U.S. immigration law does not allow lesbian and gay citizens or permanent residents to petition for their same-sex partners to immigrate.

- **Health**

Historically, the focus has been on the HIV/AIDS pandemic. However, there are a wide variety of health issues that impact the LGBT community, such as lesbian health, that need attention. Similarly, hospital visitation rights impact the LGBT community.

- **Hate Crimes**

Anti-gay hate crimes are underreported, increasing, and state laws are inadequate. The federal hate crimes bill does not include hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender or disability.

- **Transgender Issues**

There is a lack of public education and understanding of issues faced by the transgender community, in addition to the discrimination against the entire GLBT community.

- **Military**

Under the U.S. military's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, don't harass" policy, gay, lesbian and bisexual service members are prohibited from serving openly. Current military regulations also medically disqualify transsexual men and women from service.

- **Judicial Nominations**

Future judicial nominations could place our nation's courts outside the mainstream, making it increasingly difficult for GLBT Americans to achieve basic justice and equality through the federal courts.

If any one of the above issues affects you or someone you know, please contact a local organization for more information. I encourage you to network and to get involved, so that all our voices may be heard. Strength is indeed in numbers. Speak up; the future of GLBT lives is in your hands.

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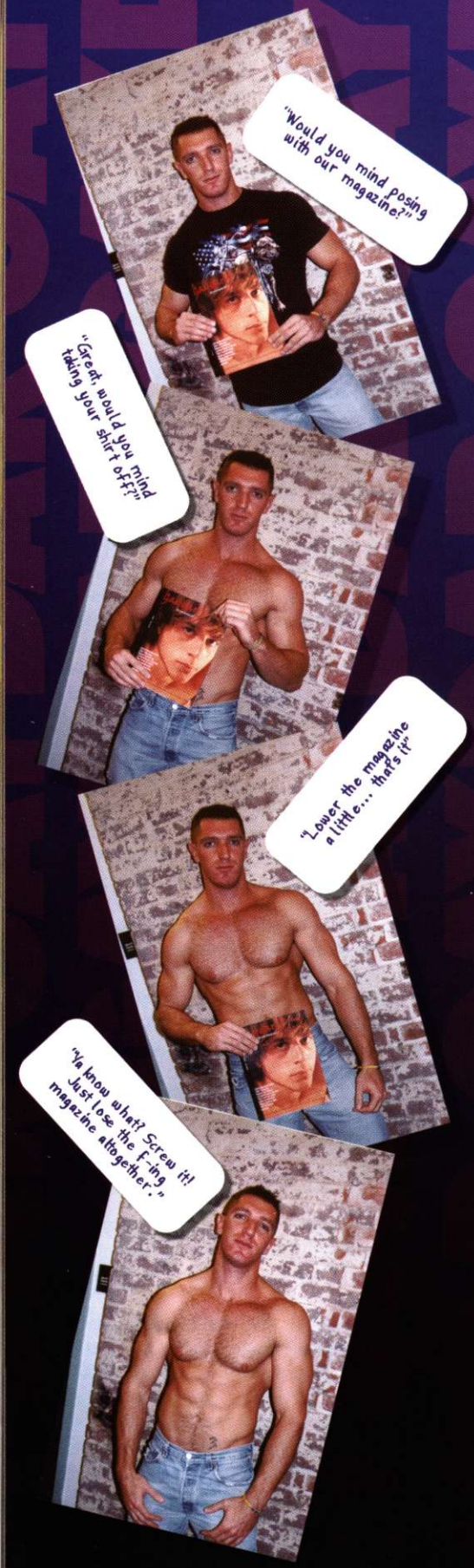

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors:
I'm a 100% certified fag hag and I LOVE your magazine! I was just reading through the Winter 2005 issue, had to put in down in the midst of staring at Freddie Ljungberg's photo (h-o-o-o-t-t-t-t-t!..) and thought I'd write you to tell you this is the most fun I've had without recreational drugs!
Cheers,
Georgina W. (Oscar Wilde's lovechild)
Philadelphia

Dear Georgina,
I agree 100% with your assessment of Mr. Ljungberg's physical talents! YUM! One thought: are you okay with the term fag hag? I was thinking of starting a global movement toward "gal pal" or something less...hag-like. Ponder, and get back to me. We can not condone the use of recreational drugs at the Gaydar office. I'll meet you at our usual place at the usual time.
SL

Dear Gaydar,
I wanted to tell you that I bought the magazine at Borders and really enjoyit a lot. I am now gay and was previously married/bi and am loving my new life.
Take care and thanks!
Randy
Allentown

Randy,
Congrats on embracing your true self. Feels great doesn't it?! I'm gay and wish I were straight and married. But until then I'll keep meeting Georgina behind the dumpster.
SL

Hi Gaydar,
Love your magazine...I'd love to be in it.

You want it, You got it!

Robert O., New York City

O Robert!
Do you hang out with Georgina?
Thanks for the photos. Keep 'em coming!
SL

Dear Gaydar,
I love the magazine. I have a background in graphic design and came up with some new cover layouts.
What do you think?
David Babb

David,
These are great. I love the middle one! I've always been partial to middles. Thanks for supporting Gaydar!
SL

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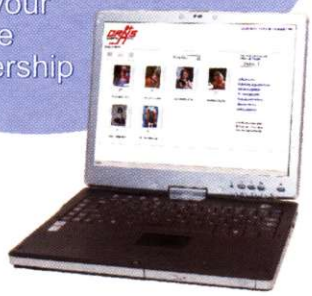

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GAYDAR

by Dr. Hajjii

What's Your Sign?

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Lucky Numbers: 1 5 9
Colors: red, scarlet, gold

The year 2005 is all about rejecting rules and exploring your desires! This is a pivotal relationship year that's all about you and what you want (including that cute boy at the bar). Since success in travel is seen in the mid-to-later part of the year, maybe a cruise with that special someone is what this luxury seeking Arien needs. Hot love and sex day is October 17th, a Monday by the way; so be creative. Be careful of parental units this year. Tensions seem to flare. Maybe now is not the time to bring home that really hot cross dresser who has Tourette's Syndrome. What starts out as a sluggish health year improves greatly by mid-year. Maybe now is the time to join that new neighborhood gym.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Lucky Numbers: 3 5 9
Colors: indigo, violet

Make new beginnings my little bundle of homo joy! While my breeder babies seem to find stability this year in the whole "married with children" thing, my little buttercups find their own road to happiness; though shopping, of course! Take a trip to that trendy furniture store on Wednesday, April 13th (a very strong money day) and buy that amazing sofa you just have to have. Don't worry about money this year because a promotion, socially and economically, is in the works. You are as beautiful as ever and health-wise you are even stronger. You are one strapping hunk of humanity. Doors open for you in the world of art. So maybe the month of May would be a good time to check out the miniature show at the local gallery. Remember, not all small things are bad!

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Lucky Numbers: 1 3 5
Colors: orange, yellow, gold

You are hot and you know it; but show a little caution, my precious pussy! While money and love (sex) look strong, you need to be a little more realistic this year. No more weekly facials and salt spa rub downs! Go easy; you can shop at Target too, you know. Keep the spending down to a low roar until Sunday, July 31st, when you can prance through the aisles like the princess you are! The first half of this year is one of settling relationship questions. In other words, is it the good looking guy at the gym, the good looking guy at the club, or the good looking guy at the diner? Decisions need to be made for gains to be had. Don't put your trust in others, either. Someone may try to steer you toward what HE wants. You know who you want. Weigh out the information. And whatever you do, stay away from sailors this year! A water related mishap is seen in your future. You're best bet this year is to change your attitude from diva to darling.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Lucky Numbers: 2 6 8
Colors: pink, blue

Sweetheart, you are one lucky boy this year! Act out your fantasies. The biggest difference between this year and last is that you will be doing what (or who) you want. May 25th would be a good day to run over to the adult boutique and pick up that special gift for that special someone. It's a very hot sex day for you. For those of my precious gems that are in relationships, you will be ending that seven year itch, one way or another. Keep in mind that, while changing partners or residences is a good thing this year, changing careers is not. Let's face it: if you've been dancing on that pole for this long, what's one more year?!? In terms of health, you will be well and fit, although my older daddies need to take care, or that unwatched cough or cold could lead to problems. The year on the whole seems to be better if you think before you jump (either on it or in it). June 6th is a good money day, so get those Prada slip-ons. After all, a boy only looks as good as his feet feel!

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)
Lucky Numbers: 1 3 9
Colors: gold, brown, blue

Sugar, you are in for a year of all around improvement if you listen to the powers that be. Invest your money, honey. Financially, you will improve from last year and will be able to buy that hot new man-magnet car. Or if you are more secure about what God has given you, get that cute little VW bug. Scary as it sounds, the Internet and travel are intertwined with encouraging relationship potential. But be careful, there has to be a reason the man of your dreams is cruising chat rooms. May 23rd is a hot sex night for you, so maybe that's the night you meet him for a drink. For those of you in a liaison, for the love of Brad Pitt, stop dominating your relationship! The whole domination thing may be a turn on in the bedroom, but everywhere else it's a turn off to your partner. Leave the whip in the nightstand where it belongs! You have a positive energy upswing in the middle of each month throughout the year. Use it to woo your significant other. Think of your love life like a stick. Would you rather have a sweet candy cane, or a nasty pretzel rod? Your choice.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Lucky Numbers: 1 4 11
Colors: bright blues, aqua

My petite water flower, nothing is certain this year. Like the see-saw of your life, everything goes up and down. To sashay down the runway of life you must go about a spiritual rebirth. Clean out the closet of your life; maybe even come out of it yourself. Realign your priorities, and as the months become warmer you will see promising results. Love and sex are quite hot on the 19th of August. Have patience, because on that day all tensions from prior months will diminish. Watch your money, baby. The promotion you lusted after will come in the second half of the year and with it new responsibilities and expenses. Find a sugar daddy to ease the year along. Remember what your mama said: It's just as easy to love a rich man as a poor man; but the rich one will buy you things! How about a watch from Tiffany's or dinner at the Four Seasons?

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Lucky Numbers: 2 6 7
Colors: light blue-green, turquoise

Move on from the past my bullish pin-up, because it's gonna be rough. This year will prove slow moving in the first half, and then the tensions mount in all aspects. Taureans need to sort out what direction they want to take. If you don't watch yourself, you could see your popularity dwindle. Remember those wallflowers in school? That could be you, sweetie! Run over to the florist and pick up some flowers for the man of your dreams, because you need to build on your relationship by summer. Otherwise, you will be floating your own boat, if you know what I mean. Your career needs to be attended to, also. Watch your back, baby. Someone is trying to get what you've got. If you keep your eyes open, you could come out smelling like a rose and even land your dream job; not to mention being able to chase your cute new assistant around the desk. Love and sex are hot on November 16th, so be sure to hire him by then!

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Lucky Numbers: 1 2 4 7
Colors: green and blue pastels

Bling, bling! All that penny pinching from the last two years finally pays off, my little crustacean. Let's go shopping! But not for Prada; we're talking real estate and stocks, girlfriend. Investments seem to thrive. You are the king of your cash castle now, which is a good thing because you need to get it all together. It's raining men, and you are the umbrella of love. Mr. Right is ready to be yours forever. A commitment ceremony is in the works for Cancers this year. The warmer the month, the hotter the union. You can bury your head in the sand all you want, but decisions need to be made by the middle of the year. Don't be scared, poodles. This year looks great for you. Dig deep in those frugal pockets of yours (a nice way of saying you're cheap, baby). Buy him the big turquoise ring he wants and make him yours! Your life is relatively blessed this year, so take advantage of it.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Lucky Numbers: 3 5 6
Colors: indigo, pink, purple

Stay flexible, doll; and no, that doesn't mean yoga in the back of his Toyota. It means juggling and changing the way you relate to the world. While 2005 looks like a better year than last, you will have to make some changes. Success is looming in the work place, where you will eventually profit from added responsibilities and headaches. This may mean relocating, but romantically you will be head over heels. New friends, social circles, and even a transformation in your parents are on your horizon. Sex is hot in the cold months and money falls from the trees in the spring and summer. All year round you make fresh starts and they all seem to yield fruit. If life was a bakery, your friends would be little crème puffs and you'd be a hunka cheesecake! They may be light and sweet; but you're the heavy cream piece. Life is good!

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

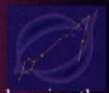
Lucky Numbers: 1 8 9
Colors: deep reds, black

Sweetheart, you need some time alone to listen to those inner voices resonating in your head. Where do you want to be? Do you really want that new job? Is it worth the wait? The whole work situation is better off left alone for the first half of the year. If you want to dwell just on the positive, sit back and let the job thing take its own course. Focus instead on romance. Dreamy notions are what you are all about, pixie. Not that you amble through the bedroom. This year sees you being bold in bed. The hotter the month, the spicier you are. While finances and career take a slow steady track to success, the sweet road to love sizzles. The weekend of April 24th would be the perfect weekend to go out on the town and get a Jacuzzi room at the B&B. All the tensions of the previous year are gone and lady love is shining on her little pansies in the garden of love. Or is it the garden of lust? Who really cares?! Have fun!

Capricorn (January 22-January 19)

Lucky Numbers: 4 8 10
Colors: brown, black, charcoal, grey

Your colors may be dreary, but your life is not. The stars are telling you to come out of the closet this year. This could mean metaphorically, as in asserting yourself at work. Or it could mean literally, as in pumps and a good spring sun dress. You figure it out. The second half of the year is all about long-term planning and getting serious about commitment issues. Where you require a little mentoring in the financial aspects of your life (you really should go ask that cute accountant to help you manage your check book), between the sheets your rock like the Viagra poster boy! You are hot; but don't let it go to your head. You need to settle down by June 22nd to make your world complete. For the breeders: have babies or a puppy. I guess they're both cute and scream of commitment. For the lollipop kids: think matching jewelry. Once again, cute; and the commitment can be insured for replacement value.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Lucky Numbers: 2 3 9
Colors: purple, aqua

Good Lord! Get down on your knees and praise the god who created Armani. You are one, holy homo this year! You have been blessed with planetary energy that hasn't been felt in 84 years. We're talking power at work, with love and in sex that is better that half-off clearance at Macy's. This is the year you dare to be different. You are a rebel and it all pays off. What you touch turns to gold, maybe even to platinum. Do your own thing, stay where you are, and reap the rewards of your past years' work. September 18th is the pinnacle of your sexual soaring. Fly, my little buttercup, fly! Treat yourself to some pampering in the spring. You are a true queen among men.

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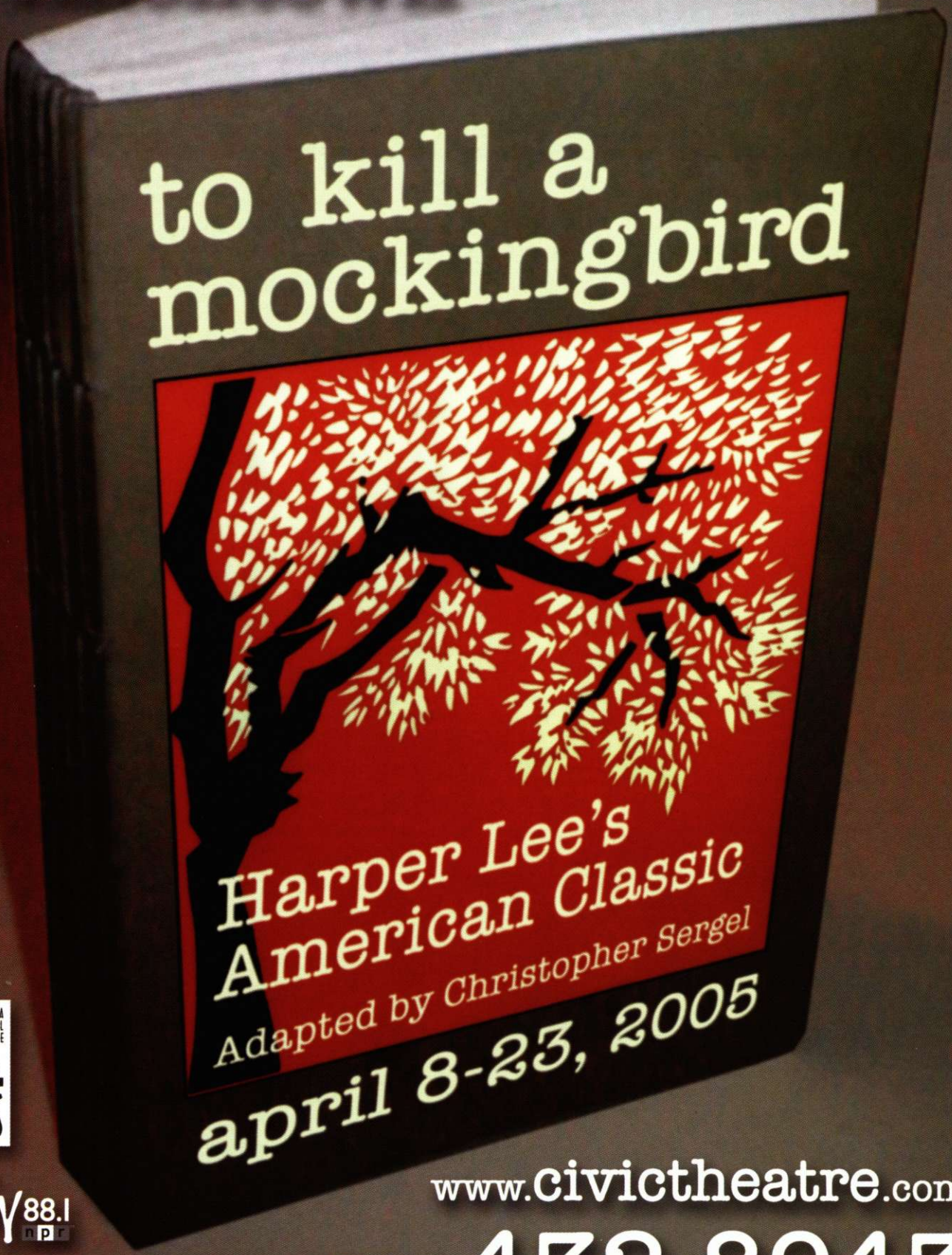

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Carson Comes Out...

in a Serious Way - for The Rainbow Scholarship.

As the sassy star of Queer Eye for the Straight Guy—Bravo's hit show that has gay and straight populations tzujing with abandon—Carson Kressley has become a pop-culture phenomenon. His lightning wit and inimitable fashion sense have charmed and disarmed America, creating newfound acceptance and understanding of gay culture in mainstream society. In short, Kressley has become the unofficial rainbow ambassador to the world.

A philanthropist as well as fashionista, Kressley lends his support to a huge array of charities and causes. His interests range from the queer (GLAAD and The Trevor Project, to name a few) to the equine (Kressley's a world class equestrian). During a recent appearance on The Jane Pauley Show, the Lehigh Valley native described his surprisingly bucolic upbringing on a New Tripoli farm and high school experiences at Northwestern Lehigh. Kressley also announced the creation of a college scholarship fund for gay youths in this area, offered through Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Pride president Constance Kristofik—a former classmate who, by alphabetical fate, sat next to Kressley in school—reports that three awards are available through the scholarship fund to college-bound seniors. "Two of the awards are designated for GLBTI students, and the third is open to students of any sexual orientation or gender identity since we want to promote diversity," she explains. "When Liz Sherry, a former board member, Brad Wentz, our vice president, and I first discussed the idea, we approached Carson. His immediate response was, 'Yeah, I want to help!' He provided some of the funding, and his prominence in the community is a great asset in promoting the scholarship."

Rachel Zane, a professional educator who has played an instrumental role in designing and implementing the scholarship, saw a direct response from Kressley's televised announcement. "Several of our judges responded after seeing the show," she reports. "The committee is comprised of educators, representatives from PFLAG, as well as different arts and community groups."

The application process is designed to foster a dialogue among students, teachers, principals, counselors and superintendents. "There's an essay question where the student has to discuss school policies," Kristofik says. "It's often assumed that there's protection from discrimination, but that's not always the case. And if the school doesn't have such policies in place, the student can ask why they're not. That raises awareness on all sides."

Although GLBTI students are encouraged to be "out" when applying, privacy may be protected when necessary. "We were sensitive to that issue," Zane says. "There are optional questions

about how a student can be contacted at an alternate number if they don't want to be called at home."

The kick-off awards will be presented on June 19, during the Pride in the Park celebration at Cedar Beach Park in Allentown. "Winners are encouraged to be there, but we don't want to endanger anyone," Zane notes.

Applications went to all school districts and youth groups in the nine counties covered by Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley. "The intermediate units handled the distribution, and most were happy to help," Kristofik says. "Only two would not cooperate. One was Berks County - that was not a big surprise - and the other was Lehigh County - which is ironic, because that's Carson's home district."

"Constance and Liz Sherry told me about the scholarship idea in the fall of 2003, when I appeared at Lehigh University. It was on the heels of the initial success of Queer Eye, and there was a huge turnout. It was a great homecoming. I thought the scholarship sounded great, and said, 'Let's do it right away!'" Kressley says. "I offered to help in providing resources."

Kressley's passionate concern about teens stems from his own experiences. Although he felt comfortable and socially accepted in his high school, earlier grades were a nightmare. "I hated seventh and eighth grades. Being tortured and humiliated every day is not fun. I'd be sick each morning before going to school," he recalls. "But I developed a quick sense of humor as a defense. If I could be funny, it would distract the kids from teasing me. It was a blessing that I was able to do that - but not every kid can. If I hadn't, I could easily have become withdrawn and depressed, which does happen to a lot of kids."

"Being a teenager is still extremely difficult, and statistics on teen suicides are several times higher among kids who are gay," Kressley continues. "If we can raise awareness, it might help prevent teens from having tortured lives or feeling like outcasts at school."

The latest of Kressley's many efforts to promote diversity education is a new children's book, being published by Simon & Schuster, titled "You're Different and That's SUPER!" With enough support and encouragement, every boy and girl can, and should, feel this way.

Where to find Carson

Queer Eye for the Straight Guy
Bravo
Tuesdays 10PM EST

Off The Cuff: The Essential Style Guide for Men
Plume Publishing (2004)

You're Different and That's SUPER!
Simon and Schuster (2005)

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Universal Pictures
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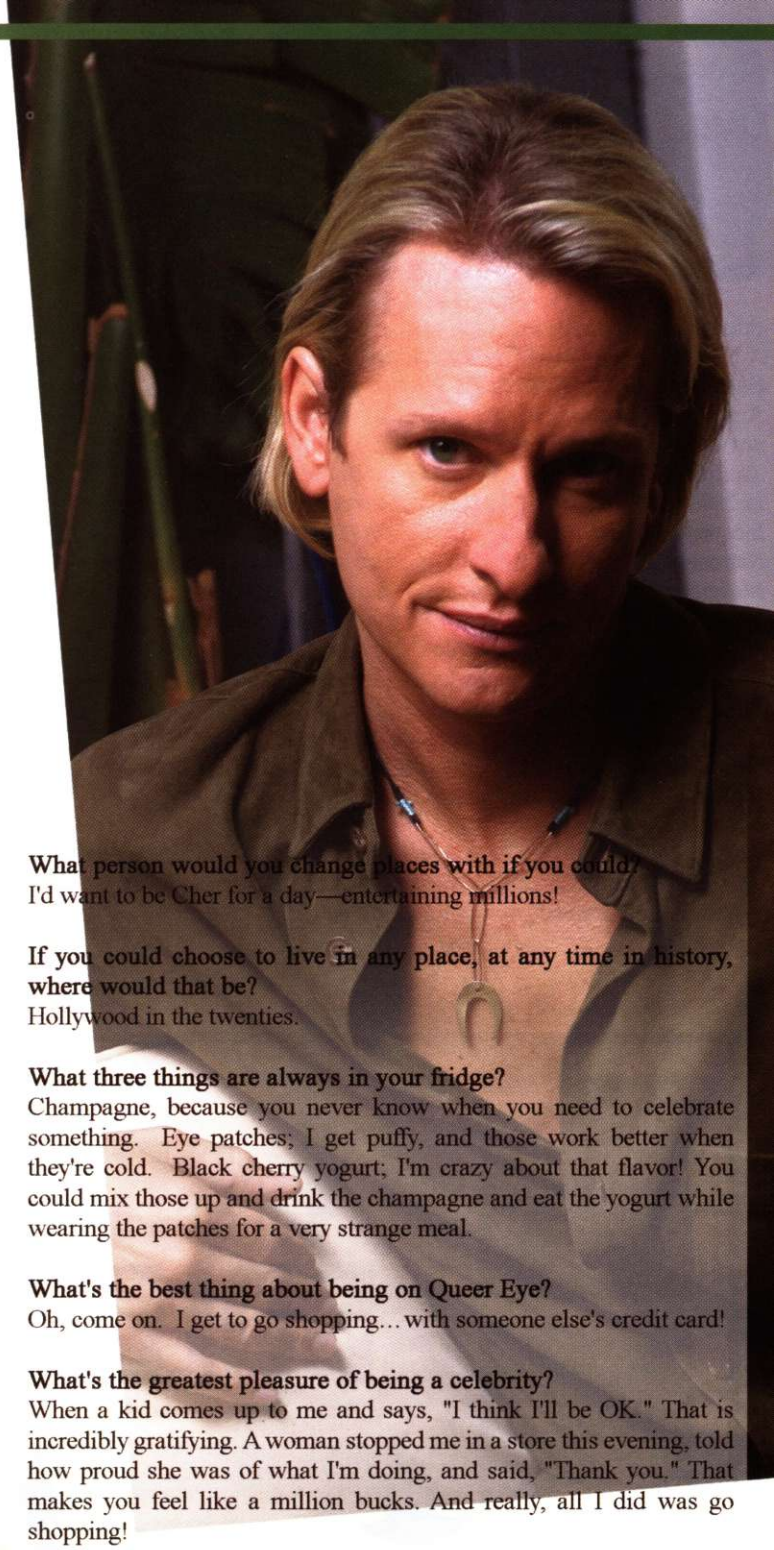

You were friends with Constance Kristofik, president of Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley, in high school. Did the two of you ever discuss your sexual orientations?
We were always together, but it didn't cross my mind to talk about that. A lot of the classmates who were my friends later turned out to be gay, but we didn't know it then. Maybe it was the similar sensibilities that brought us together. But if kids can be made to feel more comfortable with talking about their sexuality, maybe they won't feel so bad.

Were you a fashionista in high school?
I was always interested in clothing trends, and had all the things that were popular: The Coca-Cola clothes, Reeboks, Swatch watches, pegged jeans that were tucked into my socks.

Did you share fashion advice with friends in high school?
No. But I did have a competition going with Nancy Kalb in fourth grade. We were the only kids with Calvin Klein jeans.

Did you give fashion suggestions to your family?
I was always coming up with ideas for decorating the house; things that were a little too outrageous for my family. When I recently bought my first apartment in New York, I remembered my mother saying, 'When you're grown up and have your own place, you can do whatever you want with it.' So I made the bathroom completely pink!

What was your favorite place to shop?
Bambergers. I was so excited when the Lehigh Valley Mall opened-and it had a Bambergers! They had things you couldn't find in other stores in the area, brands like Calvin Klein and Jordache that I'd see on ads on Channel 11 from New York.

Who was your date for the prom?
I didn't go! How lame is that? Actually, I was at a horse show with my family that weekend, so that was a good excuse.

Any fashion advice for kids attending the upcoming Prizm Prom?
Not being yourself is the biggest mistake you can make. Find a look that fits you and feels comfortable, and make it your own. I can't over-emphasize how important it is to find a style that's personal.

Did you have a favorite comic book character as a child?
Wonder Woman—the show was on when I was a kid. It had Linda Carter in those great costumes! Of course, The Bionic Woman was pretty good, too.

What three celebrities did you consider hotties in high school?
Mark Gastineau of the New York Jets. Can you believe it, a sports figure? Rob Lowe, the whole cast of St. Elmos' Fire, The Breakfast Club, and Pretty in Pink. They defined that era. And who wouldn't want a Blaine, leaning on a Beamer, waiting for them?

Name three people you consider hotties now.
Adrian Brody—his style makes him hot. Colin Farrell and Jude Law. That covers about everything you could wish for.

What person would you change places with if you could?
I'd want to be Cher for a day—entertaining millions!

If you could choose to live in any place, at any time in history, where would that be?
Hollywood in the twenties.

What three things are always in your fridge?
Champagne, because you never know when you need to celebrate something. Eye patches; I get puffy, and those work better when they're cold. Black cherry yogurt; I'm crazy about that flavor! You could mix those up and drink the champagne and eat the yogurt while wearing the patches for a very strange meal.

What's the best thing about being on Queer Eye?
Oh, come on. I get to go shopping... with someone else's credit card!

What's the greatest pleasure of being a celebrity?
When a kid comes up to me and says, "I think I'll be OK." That is incredibly gratifying. A woman stopped me in a store this evening, told how proud she was of what I'm doing, and said, "Thank you." That makes you feel like a million bucks. And really, all I did was go shopping!

What's the biggest difficulty of being a celebrity?
I'm single, and it makes it harder to date. Everyone always wants to talk to me, and everyone is so nice. I can't tell, though, whether they're really interested in me or just being nice. But to complain about people being nice to you is a kind of embarrassment of riches.

If someone is going to splurge on one fashion item, what should that be?
Accessories! There are a million different ways you can use them. A terrific look for guys, or girls, is a pair of jeans and a white shirt. Then you can add great shoes, or a belt, or a wallet, and make it your own.

When you get to heaven, what do you hope St. Peter will say to you?
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GAYDAR magazine Pride Guide

Here's your schedule for the Pride events throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. HAVE A BLAST!

Pride Events 2005

April 21-25 Philly Black Pride , Philadelphia
Gather in the City of Brotherly Love to promote unity among African Americans and people of African Decent who are sexual minorities.
www.phillyblackpride.org

April 25 - May 1 Equality Forum Philadelphia, Philadelphia
In 1965 the first gay and lesbian demonstration took place in front of Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Join the National Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the GLBT Civil Rights Movement to salute the gay pioneers who made a defining contribution to GLBT civil rights over the last 40 years. www.equalityforum.com

June 5 New Jersey's Annual Pride Celebration , Asbury Park
Stroll along the Jersey shore to gay-friendly Asbury Park, for New Jersey's very own pride festival. www.jerseypride.org

June 11-12 Long Island Pride Parade , Huntington Village, NY
Celebrating the spirit and vitality of the Long Island GLBT Community, this festival truly has something to offer everyone.
www.liprideparade.com

June 12 Philly PrideDay Parade and Festival , Gayborhood, Philadelphia Walk, run, or downright sashay into the Gayborhood for Philly's very own pride festival. www.phillypride.org

June 16 Twilight Night at Dorney Park
Dorney Park & Wild Water Kingdom, Allentown
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June 18-19 Baltimore Pride , Baltimore
Celebrating its 30th anniversary, Baltimore Pride is hosting a party with events and celebrations throughout the city to reach every corner of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.
www.baltimorepride.org

June 19 Pride in the Park 2005 , Cedar Beach Park, Allentown
Take a walk in the park with the whole rainbow family in this Lehigh Valley tradition.
www.prideglv.org

June 19 - 26 New York City Pride Week , New York City
With rallies, the pier dance, PrideFest and more, New York City Pride Week is more than just your ordinary festival, it is several events in one! www.hopinc.org

July 7-18 Philadelphia International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Philadelphia
Grab a bucket of popcorn to experience this rainbow of GLBT film and video images from around the world. This festival is the largest gay and lesbian film festival in the eastern United States.
www.phillyfests.com

July 30 PrideFest 2005 Central PA ,Riverfront Park, Harrisburg, PA
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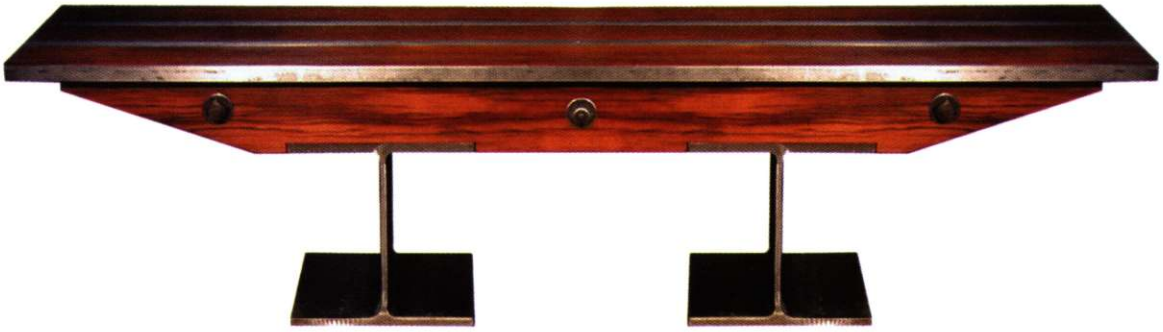

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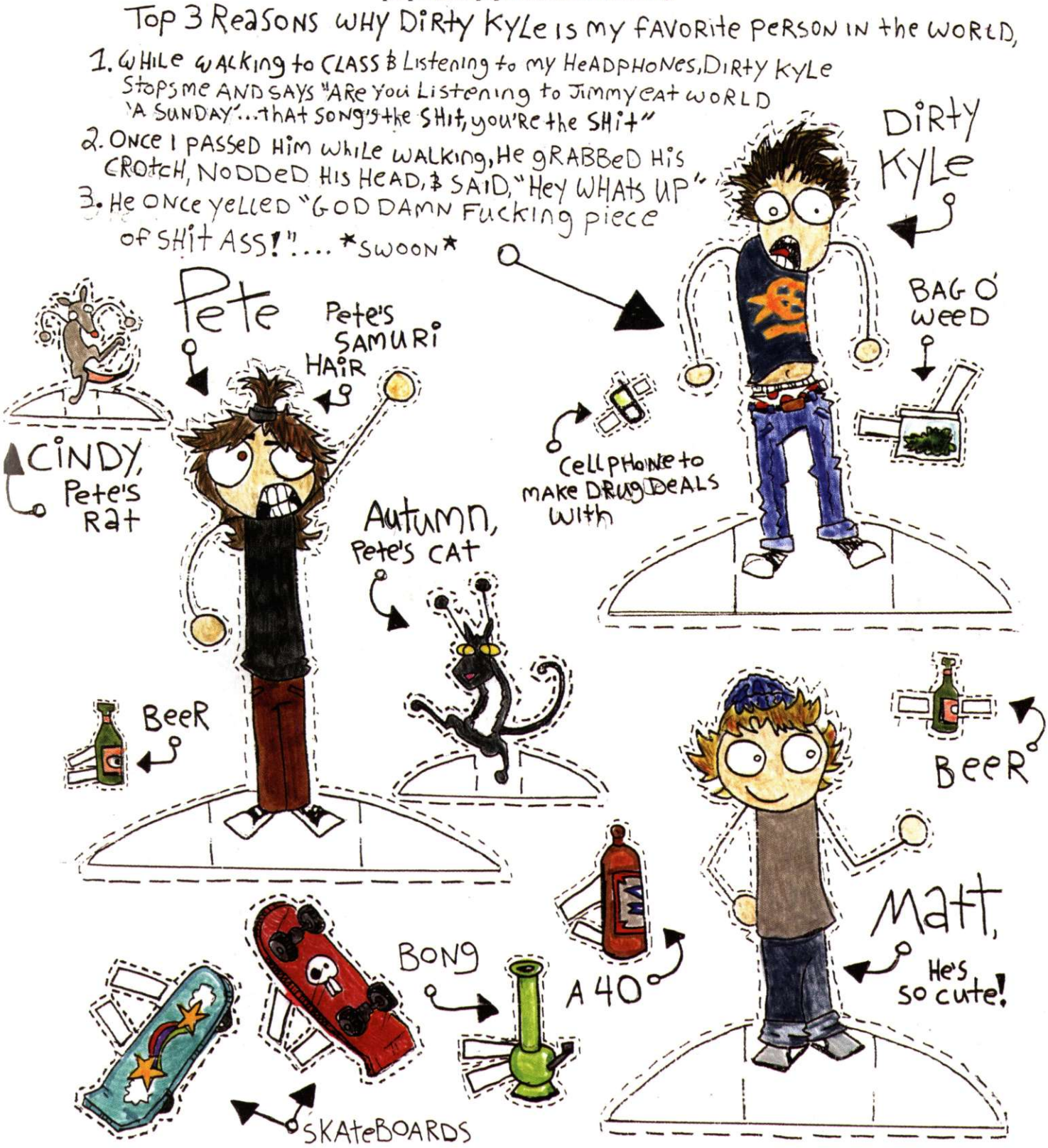

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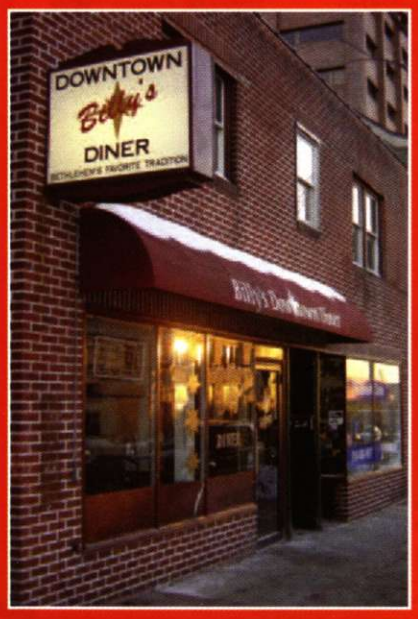

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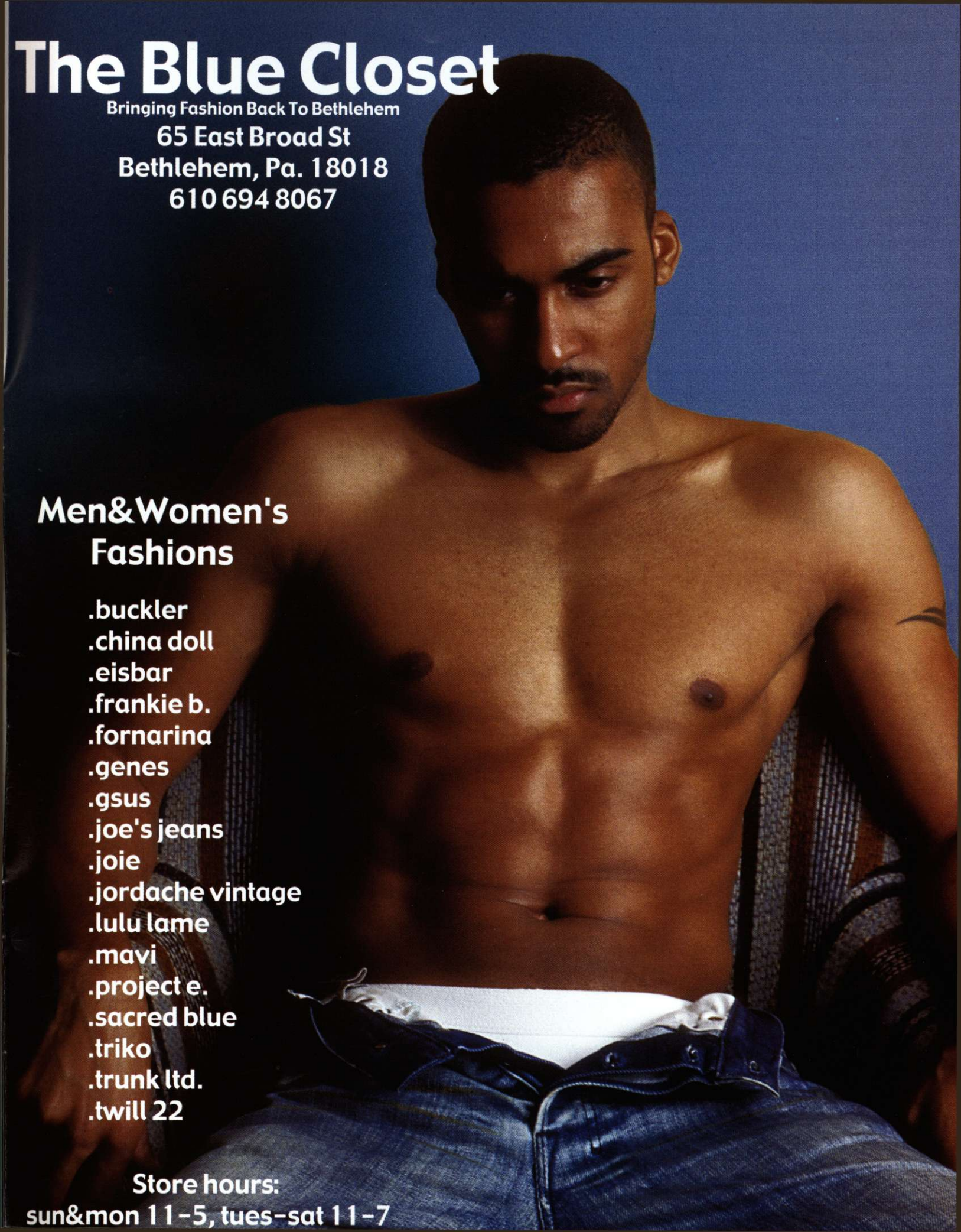
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